



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

The following decisions were taken in the week ending 3 February 2012 and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into operation on Monday 13 February 2012. 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 10 February 2012.

A. DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET ON 1 FEBRUARY 2012

Item No.	Subject (Forward Plan Ref)	Report No.	Decision	Financial Implications	Reason(s) for Decision	Other Option(s) Considered	Contact(s)
6	Recommendations from Shared Services Steering Group: 23 November 2011	C316	The updated Shared Communications Strategy, as detailed in Report SSG/11/002, be approved.	The revision of the Shared Communications Strategy was undertaken within existing resources.	The updated Shared Services Communications Strategy complemented the original strategy adopted in September 2010 but has been supplemented with more detailed communication action plans.	Options were considered in detail by the Shared Services Steering Group.	John Griffiths (01284-757136) Louise Hammond (01284-757008)
7	Recommendations from Grant Working Party: 6 December 2011 (Feb12/01)	C317	(a) Rural Initiatives Grant Scheme (RIGS): Applications for Project Funding: 2011/2012 (1) A grant of £10,000 be awarded to Wickhambrook Parish Council towards refurbishment of their play area; and (2) a grant of £7,500 be awarded to Suffolk Wildlife Trust towards the purchase of Knettishall Heath.	The proposed grants have either been allocated from existing budgets or proposed for inclusion in future budgets.	The Grant Working Party assesses each grant application against given criteria using a scoring matrix.	Options were considered in detail by the Grant Working Party.	Robert Everitt (01284-769000) Cathy Manning (01284-757002)

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			<p>(b) 2012/2013 Core Funding Applications from Voluntary Organisations Subject to the budget setting process,</p> <p>(1) Grant Policy Section 3.1 (1) of the Grant Policy be amended to extend the period for which organisations can apply for funding from three to up to four years, where that organisation makes a direct contribution to the service delivery of the Council.</p> <p>(2) Suffolk West Citizens' Advice Bureau Suffolk West Citizens' Advice Bureau be given a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £181,800 per annum for the provision of services within St Edmundsbury.</p> <p>(3) Three Counties Transport Three Counties Transport be awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £2,500 per annum.</p> <p>(4) Gatehouse Furniture Recycling Gatehouse Furniture Recycling be awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £4,000 per annum.</p>				

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			<p>(5) REACH REACH be awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £3,750 per annum.</p> <p>(6) St Edmund and Waveney YMCA St Edmund and Waveney YMCA be awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £5,000 per annum.</p> <p>(7) Relate Norfolk and Suffolk Relate Norfolk and Suffolk be awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £5,000 per annum.</p> <p>(8) Optua Optua be awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £1,000 per annum.</p> <p>(9) West Suffolk SOS Bus The Newmarket Community Partnership be awarded a two year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £2,500 per annum to support the operation of the West Suffolk SOS on the basis that the bus has a regular Friday or Saturday night presence in Bury St Edmunds.</p> <p>(10) Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality be awarded a two year core funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £2,000 per annum.</p>				

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			<p>(11) Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Organisations Pending the conclusion of the county-wide review of such organisations, a four year ring-fenced funding allocation for volunteering and infrastructure support within St Edmundsbury not be established.</p> <p>(12) Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill Volunteer Centres For 2012/2013, the final year of the current three year grant agreements for the Bury St Edmunds and the Haverhill and District Volunteer Centres be honoured at £7,000 and £14,000 per annum respectively.</p> <p>(13) HAVO The current agreement to meet the rent and rates costs associated with HAVO's accommodation in the Lower Downs Slade Offices be extended for six months to 30 October 2012, at which time the Council will review the progress of the County-wide streamlining of infrastructure organisations.</p> <p>(14) Smiths Row Art Gallery Smiths Row Art Gallery be awarded a two-year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £36,300 per annum.</p>				

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			<p>(15) Theatre Royal The Theatre Royal be awarded a two-year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £75,000 per annum.</p> <p>(16) Haverhill & District Local History Group The Haverhill and District Local History Group be awarded a grant of £1,750 for 2012/2013.</p> <p>(17) Clare in Bloom Clare in Bloom be awarded:- £1,500 for 2012/2013; £1,000 for 2013/2014; and £500 for 2014/2015.</p> <p>(18) Victim Support The Council provide Victim Support with £900 of funding in 2012/2013, the final year of the current three year funding agreement, and gives notice that it will not provide on-going funding in subsequent years.</p> <p>(19) West Suffolk Cruse Bereavement The Council award Cruse Bereavement £900 of core funding for 2012/2013 and gives notice that it will not provide on-going funding in subsequent years.</p> <p>(20) Catch 22 Community Mediation Service No award of core funding be made to Catch 22 Community Mediation Service for 2012/2013.</p>				

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			<p>(21) St Nicholas Hospice An award of £2,500 be made to St Nicholas Hospice for 2012/2013.</p> <p>(c) Grants or Management Fees for Former Council Leisure Services Subject to the budget setting process,</p> <p>(1) Abbeycroft Leisure A new agreement be negotiated with Abbeycroft Leisure to reduce the Borough Council's management fee by £100,000 over the next four years, subject to the Borough Council supporting Abbeycroft's income generation plans wherever appropriate;</p> <p>(2) Victory Sports Grounds (Bury St Edmunds) Ltd The grant payable to the Victory Sports Ground (Bury St Edmunds) Ltd be fixed at its current level for 2012/2013, namely £45,250;</p> <p>(3) Haverhill Town Hall Arts Centre No grant be paid to Haverhill Town Council from 1 April 2012 for the management of the Town Hall Arts Centre in recognition of the steps taken by the Town Council to take on all of the costs of the Arts Centre through its own parish precept; and</p>				

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			<p>(4) Haverhill Re-investing part of the savings from the Haverhill Town Hall Arts Centre, a new grant fund for Haverhill of £50,000 per annum be established from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2016, to be administered by the ONE Haverhill Board.</p> <p>(d) Brecks Partnership and Dedham Vale Area of Natural Beauty (AONB) and Stour Valley Project Subject to the budget setting process, (1) The Borough Council reduces its contributions to the Brecks Partnership and the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project by 10% from 2012/2013 to £10,489 and £11,997 respectively; and (2) the Corporate Director for Community Services be authorised to enter into new partnership agreements with both partnerships on this basis.</p> <p>(e) Tackling Drug and Alcohol Problems Subject to the budget setting process, (1) a new grant fund of £5,000 per annum to tackle drug and alcohol problems in the Borough be established from 1 April 2012 on the basis outlined in section 3 of Report C254; and</p>				

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			(2) the Council's Grants Policy and other documentation be updated to include details of the scheme.				
8	Recommendations from Shared Offices Joint Committee (formerly West Suffolk House Joint Committee): 20 January 2012	C318	Subject to the approval of full Council, (1) The amended Terms of Reference for the West Suffolk House Joint Committee, attached as Appendix 2 to Report C294 as amended, be approved as the Terms of Reference for the Shared Offices Joint Committee; (2) the West Suffolk House Joint Committee be renamed the Shared Offices Joint Committee; and (3) delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal Services of Suffolk County Council and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services of the Borough Council to amend the Joint Committee Constitutional Agreement in line with the amended Terms of Reference for the Joint Committee.	The amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Shared Offices Joint Committee was undertaken within existing budgets.	St Edmundsbury Borough and Suffolk County Councils have agreed to share the Borough Council's Haverhill Offices in a way similar to West Suffolk House in Bury St Edmunds. The building will be jointly owned by Suffolk County Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council and it is recognised that the most efficient way to undertake the management functions required for the Haverhill Council Offices was to extend the Terms of Reference of the West Suffolk House Joint Committee.	Options were considered in detail by the Shared Offices Joint Committee.	John Griffiths (01284-757136) David Ray (01359-250912) Ivan Sams (01284-757304)
9	Pay Policy Statement 2012/2013 (Feb12/10)	C319	Subject to the approval of full Council, the Pay Policy Statement for 2012/2013, attached as Appendix A to Report C319, be approved.	The Pay Policy Statement has been produced within existing resources.	Section 38/11 of the Localism Act 2011 requires local authorities to produce a Pay Policy Statement for 2012/2013 by 31 March 2012 and for each financial year thereafter.	To limit the information disclosed in the Pay Policy Statement to the statutory minimum.	David Ray (01359-250912) Louise Hammond (01284-757008)

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10	Discretionary Rate Relief: Charitable and Non-Profit Making Organisations (Feb12/13)	C320	(1) The list of organisations not eligible for discretionary rate relief be expanded to include organisations set out in bold in paragraph 2.4.1 of Report C320, be approved; (2) any applicant with reserves or annual surpluses above the following levels be not eligible for discretionary rate relief: - (i) Reserves: £100,000 in reserves, including a minimum of £30,000 in liquid assets; or (ii) Average annual surplus: £25,000; and (3) a Discretionary Rate Relief Award cap be set at £5,000 per organisation per annum.	The revision of the Discretionary Rate Relief Guidelines was undertaken within existing resources.	The Discretionary Rate Relief Guidelines were approved by Cabinet on 17 September 2008 and it was agreed at that time that a periodic review of the Guidelines should be undertaken, with any subsequent changes being proposed, as appropriate.	The Cabinet could have agreed not to implement the minor changes to the Guidelines.	David Ray (01359-250912) Liz Watts (01284-757252)
11	Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations (Feb12/09)	C321	(1) Details surrounding the Borough Council's support in facilitating community organisations to hold events of their own be supported; (2) the proposal in respect of the reinstatement of the old beacon in Eastgate Nursery, Bury St Edmunds and a beacon be lit at St Mary's Church, Haverhill be supported; and (3) commemorative tree planting, landscape and naming proposals in both the rural and town areas, as outlined in Report C321, be approved.	The majority of the costs associated with the proposals contained in the report are covered by existing budgets or external grants/donations. An additional one-off budget of £5,000 to assist with specific matters outlined in Section 5.1 of Report C321 has been earmarked.	The arrangements of events and commemorations to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 promotes the Borough Council's role in making it easier for communities to organise and engage in such events.	The Borough Council could have chosen not to support some of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.	Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580) Damien Parker (01284-757090)

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12	Gypsy and Traveller Site: Kelly's Meadows, Depden	C322	<p>(1) The scheme to develop the Gypsy and Traveller Site at Kelly's Meadows, Depden, be implemented in accordance with the planning permission granted by the Inspector on appeal;</p> <p>(2) the scheme be delivered in accordance with the remaining budget up to £642,000 including the land purchase and capital development costs; and</p> <p>(3) delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director for Community, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Licensing and Environmental Health and the Chairman of the Gypsy and Traveller Steering Group, to take all necessary steps to:-</p> <p>(a) implement the scheme;</p> <p>(b) acquire the land necessary for the development of the Kelly's Meadows site at agricultural value; and</p> <p>(c) enter into a lease with the occupiers in respect of this land.</p>	The scheme to develop the site at Kelly's Meadows, Depden will be delivered within the remaining budget of £642,000, the majority of which was provided by the Department for Communities and Local Government.	<p>The proposed scheme to develop the Gypsy and Traveller site at Kelly's Meadow, Depden has now received planning permission following an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>The scheme will now be implemented in accordance with the planning permission and within the remaining budget.</p>	Options were considered by the Cabinet.	<p>Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)</p> <p>Carole Herries (01284-757603)</p>
13	Empty Homes and Wasted Space Strategy 2009-2011	Agenda Item 13	<p>(1) The current Empty Homes and Wasted Space Strategy 2009–2011 be extended for a further 6 months to allow a full refresh to be carried out jointly with Forest Heath District Council; and</p> <p>(2) the change from giving</p>	By offering loans instead of grants results in the monies being recouped and recycled.	The Strategy was due for review and it is considered appropriate to extend the existing Strategy for a further six months and a full refresh be undertaken jointly with Forest Heath District Council during	Options were considered by the Cabinet.	<p>Anne Gower (01440-706402)</p> <p>Carole Herries (01284-757603)</p>

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			grants to providing loans for owners to make improvements to their houses in return for nomination rights from the housing register be approved.		2012. In addition, it was considered appropriate to change the terms for offering grants to private owners to offering loans instead from previously approved £75,000 from the affordable housing capital allocation. In this way the money can be recouped and recycled, thus assisting more empty homes onto the scheme.		
14	Recommendations from Sustainable Development Working Party: 31 January 2012 (Feb12/06)	C323	<p>(a) Joint Suffolk Section 106 Supplementary Planning Document Subject to the approval of full Council, the revised joint Suffolk Section 106 Supplementary Planning Document, as contained in Appendix 2 to Report C331, be adopted.</p> <p>(b) Air Quality Management and New Development: Draft Supplementary Guidance Subject to the approval of full Council, the revised Air Quality Management and New Development Supplementary Guidance, as contained in Appendix 2 to Report C332, be adopted as a protocol for dealing with planning applications.</p>	<p>The production of the joint Suffolk Section 106 Supplementary Planning Document was undertaken within existing resources.</p> <p>The production of Air Quality Management and New Development Supplementary Guidance was undertaken within existing resources.</p>	<p>The Document provides authorities in Suffolk consistent guidelines for local planning on the types of planning obligations which may be sought from developers.</p> <p>The Guidance will provide a comprehensive guide to the requirements of Air Quality Management in relation to new development and will assist both developers and local planning authorities.</p>	<p>Options were considered in detail by the Sustainable Development Working Party.</p> <p>Options were considered in detail by the Sustainable Development Working Party.</p>	<p>Terry Clements (01284-827161)</p> <p>Chris Rand (01284-757352)</p> <p>Peter Stevens (01787-280284)</p> <p>Chris Rand (01284-757352)</p>

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			<p>(c) Mid Suffolk District Council Core Strategy: Focused Review Submission Consultation In response to the consultation on Mid Suffolk District Council's Core Strategy Focused Review, the Borough Council maintains its objection detailed in paragraphs 3.4.2 to 3.4.4 of Appendix A to Report C333, in respect of:- (1) the lack of evidence to support the proposed jobs planned in Mid Suffolk; and (2) the allocation of land as a strategic site for employment site at Stowmarket.</p> <p>(d) St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework: Draft Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031: Consultation (1) The draft Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031 document, as contained in Appendix A to Report C298, be approved for public consultation; and (2) delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director of Economy and Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, to make any necessary minor typographical, grammatical or similar textual changes to the draft prior to publication for consultation purposes.</p>	<p>Responding to consultation requests is undertaken within existing resources.</p> <p>The production of the draft Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill and Rural Vision 2031 documents was undertaken within existing resources.</p>	<p>The Borough Council has expressed concern to Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC) regarding its initial response to MSDC's consultation on its Core Strategy Focused Review.</p> <p>The Borough Council has made a commitment to prepare holistic vision documents for Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill and the Rural Area up to 2031. Public consultation is an integral part of developing the documents before final adoption.</p>	<p>Options were considered in detail by the Sustainable Development Working Party.</p> <p>Options were considered in detail by the Sustainable Development and Bury St Edmunds Area Working Parties.</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>(e) St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework: Draft Haverhill Vision 2031: Consultation (1) The draft Haverhill Vision 2031 document, as contained in Appendix A to Report C307, be approved for public consultation; and (2) delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director of Economy and Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, to make any necessary minor typographical, grammatical or similar textual changes to the draft prior to publication for consultation purposes.</p>	<p>The production of the draft Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill and Rural Vision 2031 documents was undertaken within existing resources.</p>	<p>The Borough Council has made a commitment to prepare holistic vision documents for Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill and the Rural Area up to 2031. Public consultation is an integral part of developing the documents before final adoption.</p>	<p>Options were considered in detail by the Sustainable Development and the Haverhill Area Working Parties.</p>	<p>Terry Clements (01284-827161) Ian Poole (01284-757350)</p>
			<p>(f) St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework: Draft Rural Vision 2031 (1) The draft Rural Vision 2031 document, as contained in Appendix A to Report C292, be approved for public consultation; and (2) delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director of Economy and Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, to make any necessary minor typographical, grammatical or similar textual changes to the draft prior to publication for consultation purposes.</p>	<p>The production of the draft Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill and Rural Vision 2031 documents was undertaken within existing resources.</p>	<p>The Borough Council has made a commitment to prepare holistic vision documents for Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill and the Rural Area up to 2031. Public consultation is an integral part of developing the documents before final adoption.</p>	<p>Options were considered in detail by the Sustainable Development and the Rural Area Working Parties.</p>	<p>Terry Clements (01284-827161) Ian Poole (01284-757350)</p>

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			<p>(g) Forest Heath District Council/St Edmundsbury Borough Council: Joint Development Management Policies Committee</p> <p>(1) A Joint Development Management Policies Committee with Forest Heath District Council be established in accordance with the protocol contained in Appendix A of Report C340; and</p> <p>(2) the delegated authority arrangements regarding the dealing with minor changes to the joint Development Management Policies Development Plan Document, as set out in Appendix A to Report C340, be approved.</p>	The establishment of a Joint Committee will be met from existing resources.	In order to develop the Joint Development Management Policies Development Plan document with Forest Heath District Council, it is appropriate to establish a Joint Committee to agree proposed changes to the document as it is prepared.	Options were considered in detail by the Sustainable Development Working Party	<p>Terry Clements (01284-827161)</p> <p>Ian Poole (01284-757350)</p>
15	Recommendations from Rural Area Working Party: 23 January 2012 (Feb12/05)	C324	<p>St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework: Draft Rural Vision 2031</p> <p>The Working Party made the same recommendation as the Sustainable Development Working Party and the decision is listed above under Item 14 (f)</p>				
16	Recommendations from Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party: 24 January 2012 (Feb12/03)	C325	<p>(a) Amendments to the Boundaries of the Bury St Edmunds Town Centre and Victoria Street Conservation Areas</p> <p>(1) The draft amended conservation area boundaries for the Bury St Edmunds Town Centre and Victoria Street</p>	Consultation on the amended conservation area boundaries for Bury St Edmunds Town Centre and Victoria Street Conservation Areas will be undertaken from within existing resources.	In reviewing the use of Article 4 Directions, it has become apparent that there were places where the boundaries of the conservation areas are in need of updating.	Options were considered in detail by the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party.	<p>Robert Everitt (01284-769000)</p> <p>Christine Leveson (01284-757356)</p>

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			<p>Conservation Areas, as detailed in Report C296, be approved for consultation; and</p> <p>(2) the Interim Joint Head of Planning and Economic Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, be authorised to amend any minor mapping errors identified prior to the commencement of the consultation.</p> <p>(b) St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework: Draft Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031: Consultation</p> <p>The Working Party made the same recommendation as the Sustainable Development Working Party and the decision is listed above under Item 14 (f)</p>				
17	Recommendations from Haverhill Area Working Party: 26 January 2012 (Feb12/02)	C326	<p>(a) St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework: Draft Haverhill Vision 2031</p> <p>The Working Party made the same recommendation as the Sustainable Development Working Party and the decision is listed above under Item 14 (f)</p> <p>(b) Naming of the Public Plaza</p> <p>(1) The public plaza located adjacent to the Haverhill Leisure Centre, be named Jubilee Plaza, as detailed in Section 3 of Report C311;</p> <p>(2) a flag pole be erected</p>	The budget of £3,500 required to undertake the associated works in the newly named Jubilee Plaza will be met from contributions from Suffolk County Councillors utilising their Locality budgets, and	The forming of the public plaza has aesthetically improved the appearance of the restaurant and cinema development on Ehringshausen Way, Haverhill, and the commemorative	Options were considered in detail by the Haverhill Area Working Party.	<p>Anne Gower (01440-706402)</p> <p>Ivan Sams (01284-757304)</p>

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			together with a flag depicting the 'CB9' logo; (3) a plaque be installed at ground level to commemorate the dedication to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee; (4) the estimated £3,500 required to provide (2) and (3) above be funded from contributions from Suffolk County Councillors utilising their Locality budgets and any shortfall being funded through the under spend on the original plaza works, as detailed in Section 5 of Report C311.	any shortfall being funded through the underspend on the original works in developing the plaza.	installations will further enhance this area.		
18	Abbey Gardens, Bury St Edmunds: Application to Heritage Lottery Fund Parks for People Programme (Feb12/12)	C327	(1) Officers be authorised to pursue a stage one Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Parks for People grant application for the works proposed in the Abbey Gardens, Bury St Edmunds; and (2) subject to the bid being successful, a working party of Members be appointed to oversee the project through to completion.	The decision to pursue a stage one HLF Parks for People grant application for works proposed in Abbey Gardens, Bury St Edmunds will be met within existing resources.	The previously adopted management plan for Abbey Gardens detailed a number of aspirations for the future of the site, some of which required significant financial investment. The only major source of external funding for improvements on this scale is the HLF Parks for People programme.	Options were considered by the Cabinet.	Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580) Damien Parker (01284-757090)
19	Suffolk County Council's Transfer of Country Parks and the Future of Clare Castle Country Park (Feb12/14)	C328	(1) The proposal from Suffolk Wildlife Trust to purchase and manage Knettishall Country Park be supported; and (2) subject to it being on a cost neutral basis to the Borough Council, and as outlined in Section 5 of Report C328, that	A grant of £7,500 has been made to Suffolk Wildlife Trust to purchase the Knettishall Country Park. The Borough Council will assist as required in the future management of Clare Castle Country Park	Suffolk Wildlife Trust has submitted a bid to take on the management of Knettishall Heath Country Park and the Borough Council considered the Trust is well placed to take on this responsibility. In	Options were considered by the Cabinet, however a final decision is yet to be taken on the Borough Council's involvement with	Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580) Damien Parker (01284-757090)

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			the Head of Leisure Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Sport and the Local Ward Member for Clare, be authorised to negotiate and implement arrangements for any involvement of the Borough Council in the future management of Clare Country Park if such a role is required in order to implement the option selected by the local community through the February 2012 public consultation exercise.	but at a cost neutral basis.	addition, to assist Suffolk County Council and the Clare community in their investigation of various options for the management of Clare Castle Country Park it will be investigated how the Borough Council's existing portfolio of parkland sites might be integrated with the management of Clare Castle Country Park without increasing revenue costs of the service as a whole.	the Management of Clare Castle Country Park, and the residents of Clare will be involved in the decision.	
21	Vision 2031: Issues Consultation 2011 Feedback	C330	The Vision 2031 Issues Consultation Feedback Report, Report C330, be approved for publication.	Publishing the Consultation Feedback report will be undertaken within existing resources.	A report of the public consultation on the draft Vision 2031 documents for Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill and the Rural Area are required to be published. The report summarises the comments received during the consultation period held between February and April 2011, and the local planning authority's response to them.	Not publishing the public consultation document was not an option.	Terry Clements (01284-827161) Ian Poole (01284-757350)
22	Revenues Collection Performance and Write-Offs	C331	The write off of the amounts detailed in the exempt appendices to Report C331 be approved as follows:- Exempt Appendix 1: 24 accounts for Council Tax totalling £63,130.65;	The total amounts detailed in the decision have been written off.	Detailed reasons for the decisions were included in Exempt Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 to the report.	Options concerning the write-off of debts were considered in detail by the Cabinet.	David Ray (01359-250912) Liz Watts (01284-757252)

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			Exempt Appendix 2: 29 accounts for Business Rates totalling £167,671.82; Exempt Appendix 3: 3 accounts for Sundry Debts totalling £6,487.50; and Exempt Appendix 4: 2 Housing Benefit overpayments totalling £8,212.94.				

Joy Bowes,
Head of Legal and Democratic Services
3 February 2012