



*St Edmundsbury*  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

## DECISIONS NOTICE

The following decisions were taken in the week ending Friday 7 May 2004 and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into force on Monday 17 May 2004. 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 14 May 2004.

### A. DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET – WEEK ENDING 7 MAY 2004

<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	2004/2005 Operating and Capital Cost Review	U567 (Policy Development Cttee)	The timetable and efficiency savings targets for the Operating and Capital Cost Review set out in Report U567 be approved.	The objective of the review is to examine the Capital Programme and all base budgets to identify areas of opportunity to reduce costs by working more efficiently.	A full review of base revenue budgets and the Capital Programme using the new policy based process developed by the Policy Development Committee was approved by Council on 26 February 2004.	The options for the setting of efficiency saving targets and the increase in levels of income collected were considered by the Policy Development Committee and Cabinet in March and April 2004 respectively.	Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)  Carlton Brand (01284-757200)
5	Athenaeum, Bury St Edmunds (May04/05)	U574	(1) The future asset management options for the Athenaeum be investigated as part of the forthcoming Operating and Capital Cost Review; (2) to support that review process, a revised scheme to add to the Athenaeum those facilities necessary to bring it into	Subject to the forthcoming budget review, £350,000 has been allocated within the Capital Programme to refurbish and restore the Athenaeum and to	The Operating and Capital Cost Review being undertaken during 2004/2005 will consider fully the implications of all the options for the building. Part of this process is to cost the works needed to meet the requirements of Disability	The various options for the refurbishment and restoration of the Athenaeum and the addition of facilities for people with disabilities are detailed in Section 4 of the Report and will be examined in the review.	Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)  Carol Rowntree (01284-757095)

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			<p>compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act be prepared and costed;</p> <p>(3) a self-financing supplementary estimate of up to £10,000 of capital expenditure be approved for the upgrading of the staging and public address equipment at the Athenaeum; the cost resulting from the loss of interest arising from the capital expenditure to be met from the corresponding adjustment of revenue and income budgets for the hall; and</p> <p>(4) it be noted that the scheme in recommendation (3) above will replace vote 88 of Appendix A of Paper U453 approved by full Council on 26 February 2004 (namely the self-financing scheme for the provision of portable staging for the Athenaeum).</p>	<p>add facilities for people with disabilities. The proposal to address the immediate issues with the staging and public address equipment would be self financing.</p>	<p>Discrimination Act.</p>		
7	<p>Former Maltings, Elsey's Yard, Bury St Edmunds (May04/08)</p>	U576	<p>(1) The content of Report U576 be noted;</p> <p>(2) in principle, the proposed partnership arrangements with St Matthew Housing be approved;</p> <p>(3) a further report detailing the scheme and funding arrangements be brought to the Cabinet at the earliest opportunity; and</p> <p>(4) approval be given to expending up to £20,000 for the preparation of a detailed planning application and this to</p>	<p>Up to £20,000 to be vired from an underspend on the capital sum for the purchase of properties in Bury St Edmunds for the preparation of a detailed planning application. There may be further financial implications if the scheme proceeds.</p>	<p>The Maltings is a Listed Building which the Council is required to protect and maintain. The refurbishment of the former Maltings is, therefore, necessary because there would be a substantial cost to the tax payer of doing nothing.</p>	<p>Not refurbishing the former Maltings was not considered an option (see reasons). However, various options for the use of the building have been considered. The withdrawal of Age Concern from a previous scheme results in the need for another partner in order to secure a Heritage Lottery Fund award.</p>	<p>Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)</p> <p>Richard Combes (01284-757361)</p>

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			be funded from a virement of an underspend on the capital sum to provide for the purchase of properties in Cullum Road, Bury St Edmunds.				
8	Affordable Housing Schemes: Haverhill	agenda item 8	(1) Flagship Housing Association be awarded a grant of £150,000 to be met from the 2004/2005 Capital Programme allocation for Affordable Housing; and (2) this grant to be paid in two parts, 50% on commencement of the works and 50% on completion.	A grant of £150,000 will be made to the Flagship Housing Association from the £500,000 allocation in the 2004/2005 Capital Programme for Affordable Housing Scheme.	By granting £150,000 the Council ensures that a scheme to provide 40 housing units proceeds and a grant of £1,270,000 from the Housing Corporation is secured.	Not making the grant was not considered an option as the scheme would have failed without it and affordable housing is a high priority for the community.	Frank Warby (01284-700678)  Mike Dawson (01284-757060)
10	A14 Route Management Strategy Review: Highways Agency Consultation (May04/10)	U577	The Borough Council:- (1) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Highways Agency Route Management Strategy Review; and (2) responds to the Highways Agency on the basis of the comments contained in Section 3 of Report U577.	There are no direct resource implications to the Borough Council resulting from responding to this consultation, although the Council may be asked to contribute to the proposed capacity study of the A14 Corridor. A sum of £15,000 has been allocated from the Planning Delivery Grant for this purpose.	The capacity and condition of the A14 is a major infrastructure issue for the Borough Council. This response will highlight to the Highways Agency the concerns of the Borough Council in respect to the future management of the A14 within the Borough.	Not responding to this important consultation exercise was not considered an option given the significance of the A14 to the Borough.	Jeremy Farthing (01440-820763)  Ian Poole (01284-757350)
12	Planning Policy Panel: Minutes 15 April 2004	U579	<b>(a) Draft Planning Policy Statement 1: Creating Sustainable Communities (Report U548)</b> The comments contained in	None arising from these decisions which will be accommodated within existing	To progress the review of the Council's planning policies.	The options have been considered in detail by the Panel.	Jeremy Farthing (01440-820763)  Ian Poole (01284-757350)

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			<p>Section 8 of Report U548 be used as a basis for the Borough Council's response to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister on Draft Planning Policy Statement 1: Creating Sustainable Communities.</p> <p><b>(b) Suffolk Waste Local Plan: Revised Draft Deposit (Report U549)</b></p> <p>(1) The recommendations in Section 3 of Report U549 be used as the basis of the Council's response to the revised draft of the Suffolk Waste Local Plan; and</p> <p>(2) representation be sought at the Local Plan Public Inquiry to present the Borough Council's case on the above objections.</p> <p><b>(c) Revised St Edmundsbury Borough Biodiversity Strategy (Report U550)</b></p> <p>(1) The revised St Edmundsbury Borough Biodiversity Strategy be approved as interim supplementary planning guidance and be subject to an appropriate period of public consultation; and</p> <p>(2) A biodiversity training seminar for Members and officers be arranged as detailed in paragraph 5.1 of Report U550.</p> <p><b>(d) Replacement St Edmundsbury Borough Local Plan: Heritage and</b></p>	budgets.			

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			<p><b>Conservation Chapter (Report U551)</b>  (1) The revised Draft Heritage and Conservation Chapter be included in the revised Draft Replacement Local Plan.</p> <p><b>(f) First Draft Replacement St Edmundsbury Borough Local Plan: Rural Service Centre Housing and Employment Allocations (Report U552)</b>  (1) The recommendations in Section 4 of Report U552 be endorsed;  (2) the community planning exercise proposed for Clare also includes the consideration of the proposed business park site.</p>				
14	Haverhill Area Working Party	agenda item 14	The Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to appoint substitutes to the Working Party in accordance with the nominations of Group Leaders.	There are no financial implications.	To ensure adequate representation at meetings.	Not to appoint substitutes.	<p>Jeff Stevens (01440-762511)</p> <p>Mike Dawson (01284-757060)</p>

Joy Bowes, Head of Legal and Democratic Services  
7 May 2004