



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

The following decisions were taken in the week ending 1 May 2009 and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into operation on Tuesday 12 May 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@stedsb.gov.uk) by 5 pm. on Monday 11 May 2009.

**A. DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET ON 29 APRIL 2009**

<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	Annual Report (incorporating Cabinet Report 2008/2009 and Corporate Plan 2009/2010) (May09/04)	Z666	The Annual Report (incorporating Cabinet Report 2008/2009 and Corporate Plan 2009/2010) including the Cabinet's Commitments and the Corporate priorities for 2009/2010, as detailed in Report Z666, be approved.	The financial implications will be recorded in the approved budgets for the relevant financial years.	The Council's Constitution requires that the Cabinet produces an Annual Report and good management practice requires forward planning to be undertaken.	Numerous options were considered with regard to the determination of commitments and priorities for future years.	John Griffiths (01284-757136)  Geoff Rivers (01284-757009)
5	Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 22 April 2009	Z667	The amendments to the Rural Action Plan, as detailed in Report Z647, be approved.	There are no financial implications in making the amendments to the Rural Action Plan 2008/2011.	At the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 22 April 2009, Members accepted the amendments to the Plan as part of the annual monitoring process.	Options were considered in detail by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	John Griffiths (01284-757136)  Kirsty Pitwood (01284-757109)
6	Report of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee: 27 April 2009	Z668	<b>(a) Council Improvement Plan</b> The 2009/2010 Council Improvement Plan, attached as Appendix B to Report Z659, be adopted.	There are no financial implications in reviewing the Council Improvement Plan.	Each year the Council prepares an Improvement Plan, which contains the key themes and actions for improvement across the Council. It is considered good practice for councils to produce such a Plan.	Not to produce an Improvement Plan was not considered an option.	David Ray (01359-250912)  Alex Wilson (01284-757695)

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			<p><b>(b) Data Quality Action Plan</b> The 2009/2010 Data Quality Action Plan, as detailed in Report Z660, be adopted.</p> <p><b>(c) Corporate Risk Register: Quarterly Monitoring Report</b> (1) The actions that the Council has currently planned to mitigate the shortage of affordable housing in the Borough, including an assessment of whether any further actions are required, be reviewed; and (2) a detailed report be submitted for the Cabinet's consideration in due course.</p>	<p>There are no financial implications in reviewing the Action Plan.</p> <p>There are no financial implications in reviewing the actions currently planned to mitigate the shortage of affordable housing in the Borough.</p>	<p>Each year the Audit Commission carries out a Data Quality Audit of the Council to determine whether adequate corporate management arrangements are in place, and whether these are being applied in practice.</p> <p>The Cabinet recognised that the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee had expressed concern that despite implementing ten actions to mitigate the risk of shortage of affordable housing, the residual risk remained at its maximum level and therefore, all possible avenues to reduce this risk should be exhausted.</p>	<p>Not to adopt a Data Quality Policy was not considered an option.</p> <p>Options were considered in detail by the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee.</p>	<p>Paul Farmer (01284-768777)</p> <p>Davina Howes (01284-757070)</p> <p>Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580)</p> <p>Carole Herries (01284-757603)</p>
8	Response to Consultation: 'The End of an EERA; What Future for Regional Local Government Arrangements in the East of England' (May09/05)	Z669	The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to respond to the East of England Regional Assembly (EERA) consultation on the future of regional local Government arrangements by the deadline of 8 May 2009 on the basis set out in Appendix B to Report Z669.	The financial implications of responding to the consultation document are borne from existing budgets.	The consultation paper requested views of the future role in the governance of the region and support of local authorities, which is relevant to this authority.	Not to respond to the consultation paper was not considered an option.	John Griffiths (01284-757136)  Alex Wilson (01284-757695)
9	Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party: 20 April 2009 (May09/03)	Z670	<b>(a) Marketing Campaign for Bury St Edmunds</b> The Borough Council's contribution to the joint marketing campaign for Bury	The marketing campaign for Bury St Edmunds would be funded from a number of sources including	The Council has attracted LABGI funding from the Government as a reward for the economic growth in its area and this is used to promote the highest levels of	Options were considered in detail by the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party.	Nigel Aitkens (01284-735258)  Andrea Mayley (01284-757343)

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			<p>St Edmunds, funded from the contribution of £20,000 from the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive, (LABGI) be endorsed.</p> <p><b>(b) Town Centre Parking Review</b>            With the exception of the proposed loading ban waiting restriction in respect of High Baxter Street, which matter is the subject of further discussion with Marks and Spencer Plc, and the addition of a proposed double yellow line waiting restriction in relation to Eastlea Road/Bedingfield Way, the actions in respect of on-street parking, detailed in agenda item 10, be approved.</p>	<p>the Borough Council's contribution of £20,000 allocated from the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive (LABGI).</p> <p>The financial implications of implementing the proposed changes will be borne from existing budgets.</p>	<p>continued economic growth in St Edmundsbury. The marketing campaign for businesses in Bury St Edmunds would complement the successful marketing campaign implemented for the arc development.</p> <p>Local consultation had indicated support for these changes.</p>	<p>Options were considered in detail by the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party.</p>	<p>Terry Clements (01284-827161)</p> <p>Stephen Boor (01284-757323)</p>
10	Haverhill Area Working Party: 23 April 2009 (May09/03)	Z671	<p><b>(a) Queen Street Shopfront Design Guide</b>            Subject to the approval of full Council, the Queen Street Shopfront Design Guide, as detailed in Appendix A to Report Z654, be approved for adoption as Planning Guidance.</p> <p><b>(b) Haverhill Town Centre Addition to Bespoke Street Furniture Range:</b></p>	<p>Production of the Queen Street Shopfront Design Guide will be borne from existing budgets.</p> <p>The estimated cost to produce the design for the Information Sign</p>	<p>The Haverhill Area Working Party considered in detail the Queen Street Shopfront Grant Scheme and the Design Guide forms part of this overall scheme.</p> <p>The amended design satisfactorily incorporated the elements of the bespoke street furniture range to</p>	<p>Options were considered in detail by the Haverhill Area Working Party.</p> <p>Options were considered in detail by the</p>	<p>Nigel Aitkens (01284-735258)</p> <p>Mike Dawson (01284-757060)</p> <p>Nigel Aitkens (01284-735258)</p>

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			<p><b>Information Signs/Display Boards</b>  Option 2 of the proposed bespoke information signs/display boards, as illustrated in Appendix A to Report Z655, be approved;  (2) the information signs/display boards be incorporated into the Queen Street refurbishment works and other locations in Haverhill Town Centre, as appropriate.</p>	<p>detailed in Option 2 of Appendix A to Report Z655 is £2,250 for each sign, which will be met from the Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill Public Realm Fund. However, savings can be made for additional production runs.</p>	<p>satisfactory production costs.</p>	<p>Haverhill Area Working Party.</p>	<p>Mike Dawson  (01284-757060)</p>

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