



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL
DECISIONS NOTICE

The following decisions were taken in the week ending 30 July 2010 and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into operation on Monday 9 August 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@stedsb.gov.uk) by 5 pm on Friday 6 August 2010.

A. DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET ON 28 JULY 2010

Item No.	Subject (Forward Plan Ref)	Report No.	Decision	Financial Implications	Reason(s) for Decision	Other Option(s) Considered	Contact(s)
5	Regulatory Enforcement Update (Aug10/08)	B138	The revised Enforcement Policy, at Appendix 1 to Report B99, be adopted.	The review of the Enforcement Policy was undertaken within existing resources.	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report which took into account three elements in the review of the Council's regulatory enforcement processes and procedures.	Options were considered in detail by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	Robert Everitt (01284-769000) Richard Whitehead (01284-757037)
7	Recommendations from Sustainable Development Panel: 6 July 2010 (Aug10/05)	B140	<p>(a) 6th Annual Corporate Environmental Performance Report: 2009/2010 The revisions to Corporate Environmental Targets, as detailed in paragraph 3.1 of Report B105, be adopted.</p> <p>(b) Ixworth Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Subject to the approval of full Council:- (1) The Ixworth Conservation</p>	<p>This review on environmental performance was compiled within existing resources.</p> <p>The Appraisal and Management Plan were produced within existing resources.</p>	<p>The Council monitors progress against its seven Corporate Environmental Targets.</p> <p>To identify and protect the character and appearance of the conservation area, and to help inform decisions, developers and applicants.</p>	<p>The report was considered in detail by the Sustainable Development Panel.</p> <p>Options were considered in the extensive consultation process.</p>	<p>Peter Stevens (01787-280284)</p> <p>Peter Gudde (01284-757042)</p> <p>Terry Clements (01284-827161)</p> <p>Christine Leveson (01284-757356)</p>

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			<p>Area Appraisal and Management Plan, attached as Appendix B to Report B53, be adopted as planning guidance;</p> <p>(2) the revised boundary of the Conservation Area attached as Appendix C, as amended to remove the property known as Mere View, to Report B53 be adopted as the new boundary for the Ixworth Conservation Area;</p> <p>and</p> <p>(3) any minor typographical, factual and/or 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>(c) St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework Core Strategy: Housing Provision in St Edmundsbury 2010 to 2031</p> <p>(1) The locally derived housing requirement to identify sites for a further 9,200 homes in St Edmundsbury between 2009 and 2031 as evidenced in Report B106 and planned for in the Core Strategy be noted;</p> <p>(2) the Planning Inspector examining the Core Strategy be advised of the above</p>				

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			position in response to his consultation on the Government's intention to remove the housing numbers in the Regional Spatial Strategy; and (3) full consideration will be given to the flexibility offered by emerging guidance and legislation.				
8	Recommendations from Rural Area Working Party: 17 June 2010 (Aug10/04)	B141	Ixworth Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan This item was also considered by the Sustainable Development Panel and the Cabinet decision is detailed in 7 above.				
9	Recommendations from St Edmundsbury Area Growth Area Partnership Board: 5 July 2010 (Aug10/01)	B142	(a) Growth Area Fund: Update That an early indication be given to the Minister of Housing and Local Government that:- (1) the Council and its partners welcomes the retention of Growth Area Funding for 2010/2011 and that the opportunity to now adopt a localist approach in the use of this fund is accepted; and (2) the required statement on local and community engagement will be forwarded as soon as possible.	Producing this response to the Minister was undertaken within existing resources.	It was considered appropriate that the Council respond to the Minister.	Options were considered in detail by the Sustainable Development Panel.	Terry Clements (01284-827161) Patsy Dell (01284-757306)

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			<p>(b) Growth Area Green Infrastructure Projects: Progress</p> <p>(1) approval be given to commit up to £250,000 of Growth Area Funding to the implementation of the identified stage of the Bury St Edmunds Greenway project (Horringer to Nowton); and</p> <p>(2) officers investigate further potential green infrastructure projects in St Edmundsbury with a view to identifying new projects for funding by the time of the meeting of the Partnership Board in September 2010 with the Railway Walk Improvements scheme being afforded priority.</p>	<p>A total budget of £440,000 had been allocated to support the Green Infrastructure Strategy. This decision allocates £250,000 of this budget.</p>	<p>This project to create a footpath and cycle link between Ickworth Park and Nowton Park, which is included in the Green Infrastructure Strategy.</p>	<p>Options were considered in detail by the Sustainable Development Panel.</p>	<p>Terry Clements (01284-827161)</p> <p>Patsy Dell (01284-757306)</p>
10	Approval of Local Investment Plan (Aug10/10)	B143	<p>(1) Subject to the comments of the Homes and Community Agency being incorporated, the Local Investment Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to Report B143, be approved; and</p> <p>(2) any minor typographical, factual and/or grammatical changes to the final document be agreed by the Head of Environmental Health and Housing in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Haverhill and Housing.</p>	<p>The Local Investment Plan pulls together existing commitments each of which as they progress will be separate projects and subject to individual approvals. Any additional resources will be considered individually as the schemes progress.</p>	<p>The Homes and Communities Agency is engaging with all local authorities in a process referred to as a Single Conversation, which has resulted in a Local Investment Plan (LIP) for the Borough. The LIP pulls together the existing commitments, focusing on the delivery of projects, identifying the likely gaps in funding where intervention is required if the project is to be delivered.</p>	<p>A working group of key stakeholders has been involved in the development of the LIP. These are outlined in section A1 of the LIP.</p>	<p>Anne Gower (01440-706402)</p> <p>Carole Heries (01284-757603)</p>

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11	Homes Assistance Policy: Decent Home Grants (Aug10/12)	Agenda Item 11	Subject to the approval of full Council:- (1) the Homes Assistance Policy be amended as detailed in agenda item 11; and (2) the conditions set out in agenda item 11 be attached to applications in respect of Decent Homes Grants.	There are no direct financial implications for the Borough Council as these grants are externally funded.	Despite intensive marketing take-up of the Decent Homes Plus Grant has been slow and a request has been made to the East of England Local Government Association to extend the eligibility criteria for the grant to include those vulnerable households currently eligible for the Decent Homes Grant.	Options were considered in detail by the Cabinet.	Robert Everitt (01284-769000) Carole Herries (01284-757603)
12	Empty Homes Strategy (Aug10/13)	Agenda Item 12	(1) Extending the use of the £75,000 allocated for the Empty Homes Strategy to cover the costs of any legal action required to help bring long term empty homes back into use, be approved; and (2) to ringfence back to this allocation any funding that is recovered from the sale of property so acquired.	There are no direct financial implications in extending the use of the £75,000 allocated for the Empty Homes Strategy.	It is considered appropriate that the costs associated with the Compulsory Purchase Order proceedings should be included in the use of the £75,000 allocated for grants to owners to bring properties back into use.	Options were considered in detail by the Cabinet.	Anne Gower (01440-706402) Carole Herries (01284-757603)
13	Representation on the Responsible Authorities Group (RAG) of the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership	Agenda Item 13	A request be made at the Responsible Authorities Group (RAG) meeting 10 August 2010 that:- (1) the RAG terms of reference be temporarily varied to allow Councillor Mrs Mildmay-White to continue as the Borough Council's elected member representative until 31 March 2011 and thereafter to revert to the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for community safety; and	There are no direct financial implications in two Members of the Borough Council attending meetings of the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership.	It was considered imperative that Councillor Mrs Mildmay-White continue as the Borough Council's representative and Chairman of the Responsible Authorities Group of the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership.	That Councillor Everitt replace Councillor Mrs Mildmay-White.	Sara Mildmay-White (01359-270580) Cathy Manning (01284-757002)

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			(2) Councillor Everitt attend RAG meetings for the remainder of this year, in a non-voting observer role, until he takes over as a full voting member in April 2011.				

Joy Bowes,
Head of Legal and Democratic Services
30 July 2010