



## Cabinet 25 June 2008

### Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 4 June 2008

On 4 June 2008, the Committee also considered BT's public payphone removal consultation, and a separate report appears on this agenda.

**(a) Annual Report of the Cabinet 2007/2008**

The Leader attended this meeting of the Committee, and presented the Cabinet's Annual Report for 2007/2008. The Committee examined the document in detail, questioning the Leader on the report's contents, with particular emphasis on asset management, the future development of the borough (in particular provision of new homes), the move to West Suffolk House, development of Haverhill (in particular business growth and the proposed new health centre), the cost of the Public Venue on the Cattlemarket and rural issues. The Committee expressed its broad support for the document and the revised priorities of the Cabinet for 2008/2009.

**(b) Cabinet Forward Plan – June to September 2008**

The Committee perused the Cabinet's Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period June to September 2008, but did not ask for any further information or involvement on this occasion.

**(c) Approval of 2008/2009 Work Programme**

Following a ranking exercise held in April, and later consultation with officers and the Cabinet, a draft Work Programme for 2008/2009 had been drawn up, and this was approved by the Committee. Additionally, whilst setting the work programme the Committee had requested that it be given the opportunity to discuss scoping of future reports with officers. The expected items for the Committee's next meeting in July were presented in a format which will be used at each meeting to enable the Committee to discuss and scope issues with officers.

**(d) Nominations to Suffolk Joint Scrutiny Committees**

The Committee considered its requirements for 2008/2009 and made nominations to the Suffolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit Scrutiny Working Party. The Committee also noted the procedure for nomination to the Suffolk Joint Local Area Agreement Scrutiny Panel. The Committee **RECOMMENDS that full Council appoint Councillor Thorndyke to the Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit Scrutiny Working Party for 2008/2009 (with Councillor Oliver as substitute**

**member), and Councillor Beckwith to the Suffolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2008/2009.**

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