## Cabinet

Wednesday 24 June 2009 at 5.00 pm in the Dining Hall, Samuel Ward Arts and Technology College, Chalkstone Way, Haverhill

#### \*\* PLEASE NOTE THE VENUE \*\*

CONSTITUTION: Leader of the Council: Councillor John Griffiths

Joint Deputy Leaders of the Council: Councillors Nigel Aitkens and

Sara Mildmay-White

Councillors: Portfolios:

Nigel Aitkens - Economy and Asset Management

Lynsey Alexander - Culture and Sport
Terry Clements - Transport and Planning
Paul Farmer - Resources and Efficiency
John Griffiths - Rural Affairs and External

Relationships

Sara Mildmay-White - Community

David Ray - Performance and Organisational

Development

Peter Stevens - Environment and Street Scene

QUORUM: Three Members

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# Agenda

## **Procedural Matters**

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2009 (copy attached).

#### 3. Declarations of Interests

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial interest which they have in any item of business on the Agenda *no later than when that item is reached* and, when appropriate, to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on the item.

### Part 1 - Public

(Forward Plan reference (where applicable) shown in brackets)

## Corporate Priority: Creating a Prosperous Local Economy

4. Haverhill Area Working Party: 6 May 2009 (Jul 09/10)

Cabinet Member – Nigel Aitkens; Contact Officer – Mike Dawson

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Report **A52** attached.

Summary and reasons for recommendations:

On 6 May 2009, the Area Working Party considered the Queen Street Shop Fronts Grant Scheme.

#### Recommendations:

#### **Queen Street Shop Fronts Grant Scheme**

- (1) the offer to applicants of the Queen Street Shop Fronts Grant Scheme of a choice of Option 2 or Option 3 in respect of meeting shopfront design costs, as detailed in Section 3.6 of Report Z687, be approved;
- subject to the following amendments, precise details of the Scheme, as set out in Appendices A, B, C and D to Report Z687, be approved:-
  - (a) Appendix B: Item 21, to replace reference to 'two local shopfitters' by 'three local shopfitters', and replace reference to 'partnership' by 'partnering arrangement';
  - (b) Appendix B: Item 31, to insert reference to ensuring each case would be judged on its own merits; and
  - (c) Appendix C: to insert reference in the application form itself that written proof of permission from the landlord to undertake the works would be provided, if required; and
- (3) to enable free design work to be offered to applicants as referred to in Option 3 of the Scheme, a working group comprising Councillors Cox, McManus and Mrs Richardson and appropriate officers be established to devise criteria to enable the selection of three local shopfitting companies to work in a partnering arrangement with the Borough Council.

#### 5. Haverhill Area Working Party: 11 June 2009 (Jul 09/10)

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Report A53 attached.

Summary and reasons for recommendations:

On 11 June 2009, the Area Working Party considered the following items:-

- (1) Pedestrianisation and Highways: Update;
- (2) Replacement St Edmundsbury Borough Local Plan 2016 Policy HAV2: Strategic Housing Site, North West Haverhill: Approval of Masterplan;
- (3) Queen Street Shop Front Grant Scheme and Design Guide: Updates;
- (4) Queen Street Enhancement Scheme: Update;
- (5) Haverhill Leisure Centre Refurbishment;
- (6) Haverhill Locality Project; and
- (7) Haverhill Community Football Project.

#### **Recommendation:**

#### North West Haverhill: Approval of Masterplan

Subject to the approval of full Council, the Masterplan for the development of North West Haverhill, as contained in Appendix A to Report A35, be adopted as non-statutory planning guidance.

(The recommendations emanating from Exempt Report A38, as amended, in respect of the Haverhill Community Football Project are attached as Exempt Appendix A to Report A53 and will be considered in Part 2 under Agenda Item 24.)

## <u>Corporate Priority: Raising Corporate Standards and</u> <u>Efficiency</u>

#### 6. Report of the Policy Development Committee: 10 June 2009

Chairman – Ian Houlder; Contact Officer – Adriana Stapleton

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Report **A54** attached.

#### Summary and reasons for recommendation:

On 10 June 2009 the Policy Development Committee considered the following items:-

- (1) Annual Report of the Cabinet: 2008/2009;
- (2) Cabinet Forward Plan June to September 2009;
- (3) Approval of 2009/2010 Work Programme;
- (4) Re-appointment to Panels, Reviews and Working Groups;

- (5) Equality Action Plan: 2008/2011 Progress made in 2008/2009;
- (6) Partnership Strategy;
- (7) Revising the St Edmundsbury Fuel Poverty Strategy;
- (8) Parish and Town Council Revenue Support Grants: and
- (9) Asset Management Plan and Capital Management Strategy Performance Management and Implementation Plans.

Separate reports are included on this Cabinet agenda for items (5), (6), (7), (8) and (9).

#### Recommendation:

The Cabinet is requested to **NOTE** the report of the Policy Development Committee.

# 7. Report of the Policy Development Committee: Revising of St Edmundsbury Fuel Poverty Strategy (Jul 09/05)

Cabinet Member – Peter Stevens; Contact Officer – Peter Gudde

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Report A55 attached.

#### Summary and reasons for recommendations:

Under the Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Act 2000, each local authority is required to prepare and publish a strategy setting out the authority's policies for tackling fuel poverty. The Council's first Fuel Poverty Strategy was published in 2002, and it is now necessary to review and revise the Strategy to keep up with changing circumstances.

A revision to the 2002 Strategy, now entitled an 'Affordable Warmth' Strategy, was considered by the Committee. The draft Strategy incorporates an action plan reflecting the aims and objectives of the Strategy, and the local context.

#### **Recommendation:**

The Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the draft Affordable Warmth Strategy, as set out in the Appendix to Report A26, be approved for external consultation, and that following consultation the final version of the Strategy be submitted to the Cabinet for adoption.

# 8. Report of the Policy Development Committee: Equality Action Plan 2008 to 2011: Progress made in 2008/2009 (Jul 09/08)

Cabinet Member – David Ray; Contact Officer – Davina Howes

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Report **A56** attached.

#### Summary and reasons for recommendation:

The Policy Development Committee is responsible for overseeing the work of the Diversity Group, and receives regular updates on the work of that Group, ensuring a Member lead on diversity across the organisation. The Diversity Group meets on a regular basis to progress the Council's diversity and equality agenda, and the focus of the Group's work during 2008/2009 has been the implementation of the Equality Action Plan for 2008 to 2011. The Committee received a progress report on the implementation of the Equality Action Plan over the past year. The Group considered that all the actions in the Plan remained relevant for 2009/2010 with amendments whereby Action (2a) to (2c) was deleted and replaced with a new action to implement equality monitoring procedures as this links with the Council's Improvement Plan. Feedback was also asked on the online equality training, which all Members had been asked to complete.

### Recommendation:

The Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the amended Equality Action Plan for 2009 onwards, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report A24, be approved.

# 9. Report of the Policy Development Committee: Partnership Strategy (Jul 09/11)

Cabinet Member – David Ray; Contact Officer – Davina Howes

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Report A57 attached.

#### Summary and reasons for recommendation:

Further to an internal audit report, and completion of the Organisational Assessment, the need for the Council to adopt a Partnership Strategy became evident. The adoption of a strategy will help to ensure that the Council's partnerships are formed, monitored and reviewed with the appropriate level of governance arrangements to achieve better outcomes.

As a result the Committee considered a draft Partnership Strategy which explained the arrangements for forming new partnerships, and for reviewing and monitoring existing ones. The Strategy will be piloted in partnership with Forest Heath District Council, following which it will be developed to reflect the findings of the pilot, and the Committee will receive an updated version of the Strategy later in 2009.

#### **Recommendation:**

The Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the Partnership Strategy and its toolkits, as set out in the Appendix to Report A25, be adopted for use as a pilot strategy.

# 10. Report of the Policy Development Committee: Parish and Town Council Revenue Support Grants (Jul 09/14)

Cabinet Member – Paul Farmer; Contact Officer – Liz Watts

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Report **A58** attached.

#### Summary and reasons for recommendations:

A sub-group of the Policy Development Committee has undertaken a review of the current Parish and Town Council Revenue Support Grant Scheme as there was some concern that larger parishes may be benefiting from the Scheme at the expense of smaller parishes. Members of the sub-group felt strongly that the grants provided a significant level of support to residents in rural areas. However, it was noted that significant cuts would need to be made in the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 budgets, and that this might mean that the overall provision available to fund the Parish Grant Scheme would need to be reduced. If such a reduction was unavoidable, it would be important to phase it in over 2 to 3 years. Following consideration of five options detailed in Report A27 the sub-group recommended Option 5 to the Committee. Members also acknowledged that a reduction in the total grant budget of £17,500 a year in 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 should be included as part of the Dynamic Review-Innovation Value and Enterprise (DR-IVE) savings to be considered later in the year.

#### **Recommendation:**

The Committee RECOMMENDS:- that,

- (1) a reduction of £17,500 a year in 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 (from a total grant budget of £175,000) be included as part of the Dynamic Review-Innovation Value and Enterprise (DR-IVE) savings to be considered by the Cabinet later in the year and subject to the budget setting process; and
- the scheme of grants to parish councils be maintained as it currently exists, except that the 10% cap on grant payable to any parish council be decreased to 7.5% of the total grant available.

#### 11. Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 1 June 2009

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Report **A59** attached.

#### Summary and reasons for recommendations:

On 1 June 2009 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following items:-

(1) Councillor Call for Action Submission – Councillor Jim Thorndyke: Stanton Grundle Flooding Remedial Action;

- (2) Approval of 2009/2010 Work Programme;
- (3) Nominations to Working Groups and Suffolk Joint Scrutiny Committees;
- (4) Annual Report of the Cabinet 2008/2009;
- (5) Cabinet Forward Plan June to September 2009; and
- (6) Staff Survey Action Plan Update.

#### Recommendations:

#### **Nominations to Suffolk Joint Scrutiny Committees**

It is **RECOMMENDED** that, full Council appoint the following Members to Suffolk Joint Scrutiny Committees:-

- (a) Suffolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Councillor Beckwith;
- (b) Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Policy Panel Full Member: Councillor Thorndyke; and Substitute Member: Councillor Oliver;
- (c) **Joint Scrutiny of Flooding and Flood Risk Working Party** Councillors Mrs Levack and Price.

### 12. Boundary Committee Review of Suffolk: Update (Jul 09/06)

Cabinet Member – John Griffiths; Contact Officer – Alex Wilson

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#### Summary:

On 14 May 2009, the Borough Council submitted its response to the Boundary Committee's revised draft proposals by way of a joint submission with Forest Heath and Waveney District Councils. The Council now awaits the Committee's final report which must be submitted to the Secretary of State by 15 July 2009. St Edmundsbury has also joined with Forest Heath and Suffolk Coastal District Councils to seek a judicial review of the Committee's decision to exclude the three unitary option from the review, in accordance with the decision taken by full Council on 31 March 2009.

The Leader will update the Cabinet on any subsequent developments and, if required, seek approval for any necessary actions arising from the review.

#### 13. Annual Review and Appointment of Working Parties and Panels

Cabinet Member – John Griffiths; Contact Officer – Steven Lincoln

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Report A60 attached.

#### Summary and reasons for recommendations:

The Cabinet reviews annually its Working Parties, Panels etc including membership and Terms of Reference.

#### **Recommendations:**

#### (1) Procurement Standards Board

It is **RECOMMENDED** that formal reporting arrangements be made involving the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee as part of its performance management role.

#### (2) Public Service Village (PSV) Councillor Group

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Public Service Councillor Group be disbanded at the end of the formal West Suffolk House project, after receipt of a report on project close-down.

#### (3) Impact Management Group

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Borough Council's Impact Management Group continue but under the aegis of Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Management, as detailed in paragraph 4.3 (c) of Report A60

### (4) Sustainable Development Panel

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the revised Terms of Reference for the Sustainable Development Panel, attached as Appendix A to Report A60, be approved.

### 14. West Suffolk House Joint Committee: 1 May 2009 (Jul 09/07)

Cabinet Members – Nigel Aitkens; Contact Officer – Alex Wilson

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Paul Farmer

Report A61 attached.

#### Summary and reasons for recommendation:

On 1 May 2009, the West Suffolk House Joint Committee considered the following items:-

- (1) Public Service Village (PSV) Programme Status Report;
- (2) West Suffolk House User Group;
- (3) Items of Interest;
- (4) Future Meetings of the Joint Committee;
- (5) Risk Register; and
- (6) Programme Activities Log.

Arising from this meeting of the Joint Committee was the following recommendation:-

'It is **RECOMMENDED** that subject to the approval of both authorities respective Cabinets, the Portfolio Holders for Performance and Organisational Development, and Resources and Efficiency be nominated to sit as full Members on the West Suffolk House Joint Committee representing St Edmundsbury Borough Council, and the Portfolio Holder for Resource Management and Transformation, and one other Portfolio Holder representing Suffolk County Council, with effect from the Annual General Meeting of the

Joint Committee to be scheduled following the next meeting of the Joint Committee on 29 May 2009.'

The recommendation above nominates Councillor Farmer, as Portfolio Holder for Resources and Efficiency, as a Borough Council representative on the Joint Committee. However, following the Suffolk County Council elections on 4 June 2009, at which Councillor Farmer was elected to the County Council his membership of the Joint Committee could potentially cause a conflict of interest.

#### Recommendation:

The Cabinet is now requested to <u>APPROVE</u> that Councillors Aitkens and Ray be appointed as full Members to the West Suffolk House Joint Committee and to appoint two further members of the Cabinet as Substitute Members.

#### 15. Grant Panel: 9 June 2009 (Jul 09/09)

Cabinet Members – Paul Farmer; Sara Mildmay-White Contact Officer – Mike Dawson Telephone: 01284-757060

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Report A62 attached.

Summary and reasons for recommendations:

On 9 June 2009, the Grant Panel considered the following items:-

- (1) Applications for Project Funding: 2009/2010; and
- (2) Grants to the Bury St Edmunds Art Gallery and Theatre Royal 2010/2011.

#### Recommendations:

- (1) Applications for Project Funding: 2009/2010
  - (a) Recreation, Village Hall and Play Scheme Grants:-
    - (1) Hundon Village Hall

£8,000 be awarded to Hundon Village Hall and Playing Field Charity towards the cost of refurbishing and refitting the village hall entrance and toilets;

(2) Little Teapots Pre-School, Chedburgh

£4,000 be awarded to Little Teapots Pre-School, Chedburgh towards the cost of the extension to the school room in Erskine Centre;

(3) Ixworth and Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council

£5,000 be awarded to Ixworth and Ixworth Thorpe Parish Council towards the cost of refurbishing and extending the village play area;

## (4) Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield Parish Council

£5,000 be awarded to Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield Parish Council towards the cost of new equipment and safety surfaces for the Hoggards Green Play Area, Stanningfield; and

(Subsequent to the meeting, it has been clarified that the £5,000 of separate funding towards the scheme from the Havebury Housing Partnership (Havebury) was from a Section 106 developer contribution made by Havebury in respect of a nearby development and not a grant from Havebury's own Community Investment Fund. However, the Council's Development Control Team has advised that it is appropriate to use the Section 106 funding for recreational facilities in this manner, since the contribution was for new community facilities in the vicinity of the new development. Members of the Grant Panel have also been advised of the clarification and any comments from them will be reported at the meeting)

#### (5) Ingham Social Club

Further consideration of the application submitted by Ingham Social Club be deferred to enable the officers to contact the applicants to ascertain the amount of match funding being sought from other sources in addition to those already applied for, as detailed in Section 2.7.7 of Report A29.

#### (b) Arts Grants:-

- (1) £500 be awarded to the Milkmaid Folk Arts Centre Community Interest Company (CIC) towards its operating costs in 2009/2010; and
- (2) as the maximum grant awarded under the Arts Grants Scheme is £500, consideration of future Art Grants applications be determined in consultation with full Members (and substitutes, if appropriate) of the Grant Panel using the 'fast track' e-mail system that usually applied to the Rural Areas Community Initiatives Fund Scheme, as detailed in Appendix A to the Grants Policy.

# (2) Grants the Bury St Edmunds Art Gallery and Theatre Royal: 2010/2011

(1) the joint application process in connection with the awarding of core funding grants to the Bury St Edmunds Art Gallery and Theatre Royal, as outlined in Report A30 be adopted by the Borough Council; and (2) the timetable detailed in Sections 2.3 and 2.5 of Report A30 be approved.

## Corporate Priority: Creating a Prosperous Local Economy

### 16. Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party: 26 May 2009 (Jul 09/02)

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Report **A63** attached.

### <u>Summary and reasons for recommendations:</u>

On 26 May 2009, the Area Working Party considered the following items:-

- (1) arc development: Lettings Update;
- (2) Way Finding Signs;
- (3) Local Suppliers; and
- (4) Bus Turning Area: St Benedict's and County Upper Schools.

#### Recommendations:

#### **Way Finding Signs**

- (1) no objections to the proposed installation of wayfinding signs as detailed in Report A5 be raised; and
- (2) the developer be asked to incorporate within the signs the location of the toilet provision within the whole town, in addition to that currently shown in relation to the arc development.

## <u>Corporate Priority: Securing a Sustainable and Attractive</u> <u>Environment</u>

### 17. Sustainable Development Panel: 5 May 2009 (Jul 09/03)

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Report **A64** attached.

#### Summary and reasons for recommendations:

On 5 May 2009, the Sustainable Development Panel considered the following items:-

- (1) Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury Strategic Flood Risk and Water Cycle Strategy;
- (2) St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework: Employment Land Review;

- (3) Accommodation for Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the East of England: The Secretary of State's Proposed Changes to the Draft Revision to the Regional Spatial Strategy;
- (4) Forest Heath District Council Local Development Framework Core Strategy: Proposed Submission Document Consultation;
- (5) Babergh District Council Local Development Framework Core Strategy: Issues and Options Report Consultation; and
- (6) Community Infrastructure Levy.

#### **Recommendations:**

## (a) St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework: Employment Land Review

That, subject to the Head of Planning and Engineering making minor amendments to the text to correct typographical and factual errors, the Western Suffolk Employment Land Review, Appendix A of Report Z683, be approved for publication purposes and for adoption as part of the evidence base for the St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework.

(b) Accommodation for Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople in the East of England: the Secretary of State's proposed changes to the draft Revision to the Regional Spatial Strategy

That the Council notes the requirement for 20 pitches to be provided in St Edmundsbury but considers the justification for the increase from 15 to 20 pitches to be not appropriately evidenced and this concern be conveyed to the East of England Regional Assembly as the basis of the Council's formal consultation response.

(c) Forest Heath District Council Local Development Framework Core Strategy: Proposed Submission Document Consultation

That no objections be submitted to the Forest Heath District Council Local Development Framework Core Strategy Proposed Submission Document.

18. Babergh District Council Local Development Framework Core Strategy: Issues and Options Report Consultation: Exercise of the Chief Executive's Urgency Powers

On 5 May 2009, the Sustainable Development Panel considered Report Z686, Babergh District Council Local Development Framework Core Strategy: Issues and Options Report Consultation, whereby a consultation response was sought from the Borough Council. The six week consultation period expired on 26 May 2009 prior to a meeting of the Cabinet.

The Scheme of Delegation, Part 3 Responsibility for Functions, as contained in the Council's Constitution provides that:-

'Where, in [the Chief Executive's] opinion, by reason of limitation of time or urgency, a decision is required on any matter, after such consultation as he

considers necessary ... he shall have power to make a decision provided that any such decision shall be reported to the next meeting of the Cabinet...'

The Chief Executive exercised his urgency powers to submit the Council's consultation response, in order that it could be forwarded within the necessary timescale. The response was based upon the following recommendation of the Sustainable Development Panel:-

# **Babergh District Council Local Development Framework Core Strategy: Issues and Options Report Consultation**

#### That:-

- (1) Babergh District Council be thanked for consulting the Borough Council on the Issues and Options Report of its Local Development Framework Core Strategy; and
- the comments contained in paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3 of Report Z686 form the basis of the Borough Council's response to the consultation.

The Cabinet is requested to **NOTE** the decision taken by the Chief Executive in respect of this matter.

#### 19. Sustainable Development Panel: 23 June 2009 (Jul 09/03)

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#### Report A65 TO FOLLOW.

#### Summary and reasons for recommendations:

On 23 June 2009, the Sustainable Development Panel will consider the following items:-

- (1) A Guide to Affordable Housing in St Edmundsbury;
- (2) East of England Implementation Plan: Consultation;
- (3) Replacement St Edmundsbury Borough Local Plan 2016 Policy HAV2: Strategic Housing Site North West Haverhill: Approval of Masterplan;
- (4) Planning Policy Statement 4: Planning for Prosperous Economics Consultation Draft May 2009;
- (5) Replacement St Edmundsbury Borough Local Plan 2016: Development Brief for Land between Upthorpe Road and Hepworth Road, Stanton;
- (6) Home Renewable Energy Grant; and
- (7) Tax Incremental Funding/Accelerated Development Zones Pilot.

#### **Recommendations:**

Recommendations arising from this meeting of the Panel **will follow** as Report **A65**.

# 20. West Suffolk Waste and Street Scene Services Joint Committee: 12 June 2009 (Jul 09/04)

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#### (a) Meeting of the West Suffolk Waste and Street Scene Services Joint Committee: 12 June 2009

Report A66 attached.

### Summary and reasons for recommendation:

On 12 June 2009, the West Suffolk Waste and Street Scene Services Joint Committee considered the following items:-

- (1) Performance Update 2008/2009;
- (2) Update on Joint Educational Campaigns;
- (3) Update on the Joint Contract for Hazardous Waste Collection and Disposal;
- (4) Policy and Legislation Issues; and
- (5) Partnering/Operational Review Update.

#### Recommendation:

The recommendations contained in Report A66 are for information only and do not require any decisions of the Cabinet. The Cabinet is, therefore, requested to **NOTE** the contents of Report A66 and Exempt Appendix A to Report A66, detailed in Part 2 under Agenda Item 25.

#### (b) Membership

#### Summary and reasons for recommendation:

Councillor Farmer is currently one of the Borough Council's representatives on the West Suffolk Waste and Street Scene Services Joint Committee. On 4 June 2009 Councillor Farmer was elected as a Member of Suffolk County Council and, consequently, there could be a potential conflict of interest arising from his membership of this Joint Committee as the Joint Committee may have issues with Suffolk County Council as the waste disposal authority.

#### Recommendation:

It is **<u>RECOMMENDED</u>** that Councillor Ray replaces Councillor Farmer as a full Member of the West Suffolk Waste and Street Scene Services Joint Committee.

## <u>Corporate Priority: Raising Corporate Standards and</u> <u>Efficiency</u>

21. Report of the Policy Development Committee: Asset Management Plan (AMP) and Capital Strategy Performance Management and Implementation Plans (Jul 09/01)

Cabinet Member – Nigel Aitkens; Contact Officer – Betty Albon

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Report A67 attached.

Summary and reasons for recommendations:

The Committee considered the annual report on performance of the Asset Management Plan (AMP) for 2008/2009 and proposals for implementation in 2009/2010. The Asset Management Plan enables the Council to achieve its strategic aims by working towards an ideal and sustainable property portfolio to meet service delivery needs, and to help support major items of capital expenditure. Report A28, considered by the Committee, is attached in full to this report for ease of reference.

The Committee noted the outcomes and performance of the AMP and Implementation Programmes 2008/2009, and performance against the National Property Performance Indicators. Discussions were held on a number of areas of the report, including potential disposals and acquisitions, performance against the Property Performance Indicators, and the position with regard to properties let by the Council which were unoccupied.

#### Recommendation:

The Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the Implementation Programmes 2009/2010 and the Asset Management Plan Action Plan 2009, as set out in Appendix 1 and Exempt Appendix 5 of Report A28 attached to this report, be approved.

# EXEMPT INFORMATION – EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC TERMS OF FORMAL RESOLUTION

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That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 & 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

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### Part 2 – Private

## <u>Corporate Priority: Raising Corporate Standards and</u> <u>Efficiency</u>

## **Exempt Papers relating to previous item**

22. Exempt Appendices: Report of the Policy Development Committee: Asset Management Plan (AMP) and Capital Strategy Performance Management and Implementation Plans (Jul09/01)

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Exempt Appendices to the previous item on this agenda, item 21. Exempt Appendices 3,4 and 5 to Report **A28** attached.

23. Property Services: Architectural Services Provision

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Exempt Report A68 attached.

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## **Exempt Paper relating to previous item**

24. Exempt Appendix: Haverhill Area Working Party: 11 June 2009 (Jul09/10)

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Exempt Appendix A to Report **A53** attached.

## <u>Corporate Priority: Securing a Sustainable and Attractive</u> <u>Environment</u>

### **Exempt Paper relating to previous item**

25. Exempt Appendix: West Suffolk Waste and Street Scene Services Joint Committee: 12 June 2009 (Jul09/04)

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Exempt Appendix A to Report A66 attached.