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Cabinet

***Wednesday 29 July 2009 at 4.30 pm
in Conference Room East (F1R10), West Suffolk House, Western Way,
Bury St Edmunds***

***** PLEASE NOTE THE COMMENCEMENT TIME *****

CONSTITUTION: *Leader of the Council: Councillor John Griffiths
Joint Deputy Leaders of the Council: Councillors Nigel Aitkens and
Sara Mildmay-White*

<i>Councillors:</i>		<i>Portfolios:</i>
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 24 June 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: Raising Corporate Standards and Efficiency

4. **Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 8 July 2009**

Chairman – David Lockwood;

Contact Officer – Adriana Stapleton

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Report **A140** attached.

Summary and reasons for recommendation:

On 8 July 2009 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following items:-

- (1) Councillor Call for Action: Stanton Grundle Flooding Remedial Action;
- (2) Cabinet Forward Plan: July to October 2009;
- (3) Work Programme;
- (4) Affordable Housing; and
- (5) Children Act Update.

Recommendation:

The Cabinet is requested **NOTE** the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

5. **Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Councillor Call for Action – Stanton Grundle Flooding Remedial Action**

Chairman – David Lockwood;

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Report **A141** attached.

Summary and reasons for recommendations:

On 1 June 2009 Councillor Thorndyke submitted a Councillor Call for Action (CCfA) entitled "Stanton Grundle Flooding Remedial Action" for the consideration of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Following Councillor Thorndyke's presentation of the issues, the Committee resolved to hold a hearing in respect of this issue, and the hearing was held at the Committee's last meeting on 8 July 2009.

The hearing was run along the lines of a call-in hearing, as set out in the Councillor Call for Action Protocol in the Council's Constitution.

A number of witnesses either submitted written reports, made presentations or were questioned by the Committee. In addition to witnesses, the Chairman allowed members of the public present to contribute to the Committee's information gathering where this was felt appropriate.

There was a shared understanding by all present that, even if no solutions were found during the meeting, one valuable outcome from the meeting would be a shared understanding of the problem, and a willingness to take forward discussions on options for resolution.

Due to the number of agencies involved, and the fact that no one agency currently held any legal responsibility with regard to a long term solution to this issue, the Committee felt that in order to make any progress at all, someone needed to take ownership of the problem and lead discussions with partner organisations. The Borough Council officers present agreed to take the lead and progress investigation of any solutions with partners.

Having questioned all witnesses and debated the issue in depth, the Committee determined that the issue was too complex for determination at this meeting. There appeared to be agreement across all agencies that viable solutions to the flooding were possible, and that the favoured option appeared to be the removal of the current series of three vertical grills along the waterway (retaining the grill at the bottom of the Grundle where it meets Wyken Road/The Street) and replacement with a single, easy to access grid at a location upstream accommodating a bridleway and footpath. However, this option would be costly, and would also require further investigation into its viability.

Recommendations:

- (1) detailed assessment, including catchment flow study to confirm the adequacy of the underground pipework, and design of the preferred option, of replacement of the current three vertical screens along the length of the Grundle with a single grill at a location to be determined, accommodating a bridleway and footpath, be undertaken by the Council in consultation with relevant partners;
- (2) agreement to a proposed solution by all agencies involved be sought;
- (3) capital and revenue funding for the works be investigated, together with identification of ongoing maintenance responsibilities and the necessary funding;
- (4) Suffolk County Council be requested to carry out more frequent clearing and jetting of the gulleys and culvert; and
- (5) an update on progress on the above be reported to the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9 September 2009, together with details of Suffolk County Council's existing Planned Drainage Maintenance Programme.

**6. Report of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee:
27 July 2009**

Chairman – John Hale;

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Report **A142 TO FOLLOW.**

Summary:

On 27 July 2009 the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee will consider the following items:-

- (1) Key Performance Indicators: First Quarter 2009/2010;
- (2) Audit Commission: Presentation of Annual Audit Fee Letter 2009/2010;
- (3) Introduction to the Review of the Effectiveness of the System of Internal Audit and the Annual Governance Statement;
- (4) Review of the Effectiveness of the System of Internal Audit;
- (5) Annual Governance Statement 2008/2009;
- (6) Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy;
- (7) Capital Programme Audited Accounts;
- (8) Budget Monitoring Report: 1 April to 30 June 2009; and
- (9) Corporate Risk Register: Quarterly Monitoring Report.

**7. Report of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee:
Annual Governance Statement (Aug 09/01)**

Cabinet Member – David Ray;

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Report **A143 TO FOLLOW.**

**8. Report of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee:
Anti Fraud/Anti Corruption Strategy**

Cabinet Member – David Ray;

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Report **A144 TO FOLLOW.**

**9. Treasury Management: Annual Report 2008/2009 and Investment
Activity 1 April to 30 June 2009**

Cabinet Member – Paul Farmer;

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Report **A145** attached.

Summary and reasons for recommendations:

The Council's treasury management activities generate a substantial amount of income and therefore warrant regular Member consideration. The purpose of this report is to:-

- (a) present the annual treasury management investment report summarising the investment activities for the year 2008/2009;
- (b) provide a summary of investment activity for the first three months of the 2009/2010 financial year; and
- (c) advise members of on-going measures being taken by the Chief Finance Officer to mitigate the risks associated with the current banking crises.

Despite the credit crunch and international banking crises, the Council's treasury management activities have continued to exceed budgeted rates of return on investments. Furthermore, the Council was not affected by the collapse of the Icelandic banks and has not, to date, suffered any loss arising from the failure of a financial institution.

The budgeted income from investments in 2008/2009 was £2.102m, equivalent to £55.92 for each Council Tax band D property. As at 31 March 2009, interest earned amounted to £3.085m, a surplus for the year of £0.983m. This represents an average rate of return on investments for the year of 5.14% compared to a budgeted rate of return of 4.75%. The reasons for the surplus over budget include achieving a higher average rate of interest than anticipated and slippage in the capital programme.

Looking ahead to 2009/2010, the Council is obviously not immune from the impact of the recent collapse in interest rates and investment returns. The 2009/2010 budgets are based on a target rate of return during the year of 2.20% producing an estimated level of investment income of £0.751m. Investment income for the first quarter of the 2009/2010 financial year (1 April to 30 June) totalled £0.339m against a profiled budget for the period of £0.220m, representing a budget surplus of £0.119m.

The Council's Annual Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2009/2010, approved by Council on 24 February 2009, sets out minimum credit worthiness criteria for the use of formally rated banks and non-rated building societies. These criteria had been reviewed to take on board the unprecedented nature of the current banking crisis. Since this time further enhancements have been made, particularly in respect of non-rated building societies, with a view to providing further investment security and increasing the spread of investments. Details of action taken to date are included within this report.

Recommendations:

- (1) The information on the operation of the treasury management function for the year 2008/2009, as set out in the Annual Treasury Report at Appendix 1 to this report, be noted.
- (2) Information on the treasury management function for the period 1 April to 30 June 2009, as detailed in the report, be noted.

- (3) Information on enhancements made to criteria for assessing the creditworthiness of financial institutions, as detailed in this report, be noted.

10. Budget Monitoring Report 2009/2010: To 30 June 2009

Cabinet Member – Paul Farmer;

Contact Officer – Liz Watts

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Report **A146** attached.

Summary and reasons for recommendation:

The Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee has responsibility to scrutinise detailed budget monitoring reports based on budgets allocated to Heads of Service. On 27 July 2009 the Committee will consider a report for the period 1 April to 30 June (Paper A128 refers). The Cabinet receives a summary report which provides an overview of the Council's financial position.

Appendix A, page 1, is the General Fund Budget Monitoring Summary report which shows an estimated underspend of £230,000. Appendix A, page 2, provides an explanation of budget variances over £10,000.

Appendix B is the Capital budget Monitoring Report which shows net capital expenditure of £1,535,000 for the period 1 April to 30 June 2009 compared to a full year capital budget of £17,747,000. As in previous reports, the underspend is partly due to slippage in the capital programme, but also due to the fact that many of the budgets are not profiled, and a number of the projects are due to commence later in the financial year.

Recommendation:

The Cabinet is requested to **NOTE** the Budget Monitoring Report for the period ended 30 June 2009.

11. Asset Management Plan: Operational Efficiency Programme and New National Asset Management Guidance (Aug 09/11)

Cabinet Member – Nigel Aitkens;

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Report **A147** attached.

Summary and reasons for recommendations:

Three important documents relating to asset management have recently been published:-

- (a) the Government's Operational Efficiency Programme (OEP) Final Report, May 2009;
- (b) the Audit Commission's 'Room for Improvement – Strategic Asset Management in Local Government – National Report', June 2009; and

- (c) the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors 'Local Authority Asset Management Best Practice', June 2009.

All have relevance for the Council in delivering effective asset management and the efficient use of corporate property resources.

The five 'key areas of public spend' of OEP and the findings of the Audit Commission research are described and recommendations from both reports are outlined. The seven leaflets making up the RICS Best practice are summarised. The implications for the Council in adopting these recommendations, where they are not already part of corporate asset management, are considered in relation to asset management delivery for the Council.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:-

- (a) the Operational Efficiency Programme national savings target of 20% asset sales over 10 years are adopted by the Council;
- (b) the findings and recommendations of the OEP five key areas for asset management delivery are noted and adopted where they are not already part of corporate asset management;
- (c) the findings and recommendations of the Audit Commission report for asset management delivery are noted and adopted where they are not already part of corporate asset management;
- (d) the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Best Practice leaflets are noted and applied where they are not already part of corporate asset management; and
- (e) appropriate changes are made to the adopted Corporate Asset Management Plan and Capital Management Strategy 2008-25.

12. Joint Staff Consultative Panel: 13 July 2009 (Aug 09/09)

Cabinet Member – David Ray;

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Report **A148** attached.

Summary and reasons for recommendations:

On 13 July 2009 the Joint Staff Consultative Panel considered the following:-

- (1) Constitution;
- (2) Employment of Ex Offenders Policy/Secure Storage, Handling, Use Retention and Disposal of Disclosures and Disclosure Information;
- (3) Psychometric Testing Policy;
- (4) Workforce Development Plan: Update;
- (5) West Suffolk House Staff Survey; and
- (6) Local Government Review.

Recommendations:

(a) Joint Staff Consultative Panel: Constitution

Further consideration of the Constitution of the Employees' side of the Joint Staff Consultative Panel be deferred to enable the Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development to consult with the representative of UNITE, in respect of whether the number of representatives of UNISON should be increased from 6 to 7 or whether an additional representative should be sought from UNITE, in order that the total employees' side representation remains at 8 Members.

(b) Policy on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders

Policy on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders, as contained in Appendix A to Report A95 (Amended), be approved:-

- (1) Paragraph 1.1, be amended to read '*.....treat all applicants fairly and not to discriminate against any subject of a Disclosure solely on the basis of conviction or other information revealed;* and
- (2) Paragraph 6.1, be amended to read '*A disclosure is only requested after a thorough risk assessment (see Appendix 1) has indicated that one is relevant to the position,.....'*

(c) Policy on the Secure Storage, Handling, Use, Retention and Disposal of Disclosures and Disclosure Information

Subject to the following amendments, the Policy on Secure Storage, Handling, Use, Retention and Disposal of Disclosure Information, as contained in Appendix B to Report A95 (Amended), be approved:-

- (1) Paragraph 1.1, be amended to read, '*.....treat all applicants fairly and not to discriminate against any subject of a Disclosure solely on the basis of conviction or other information revealed;*
- (2) Paragraph 4.2, reference to '*Unison*', be replaced with '*the Unions*';
- (3) Paragraph 7.5, reference to '*is shredding*' be replaced with '*will be shredded*'; and
- (4) Paragraph 7.5, reference to, '*We may keep a record of the date of the issue of a Disclosure'* be replaced with, '*We will keep a record of the date of the issue of a Disclosure.....'*

(d) Policy on Psychometric Testing

The Policy on Psychometric Testing, as contained in Appendix A to Report A96, be approved.

13. **Boundary Committee Review of Suffolk: Judicial Review (Aug 09/03)**

Cabinet Member – John Griffiths;

Contact Officer – Joy Bowes

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Summary and reasons for recommendations:

On 31 March 2009, full Council granted authority for the commencement of Judicial Review proceedings regarding the Local Government Review of Suffolk (minute 100 (A)(2) refers). On 10 July 2009 the decision in our favour was handed down and the Boundary Committee's draft recommendations, issued in March, were quashed. Costs were awarded in favour of the Councils. A copy of the Judges' ruling on relief is **attached as Paper A149**.

The Boundary Committee has not accepted this decision and has obtained leave to appeal. At the time of writing the appeal had not been lodged so we have not had the opportunity to see the grounds. However, it is likely, given the unequivocal tone of the judgement in our favour, that the three partner councils would wish to contest the appeal, subject to our barrister advising that there is merit in this course of action. Council's approval of this will also be sought.

It is also necessary to make financial provision for the additional expense which may be incurred if the appeal succeeds, in which case we may have to pay the other side's costs, as well as our own, for the whole Judicial Review process.

Recommendations:

Subject to the approval of Council,

- (1.) Delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, following advice from counsel and after consultation with the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive, to instruct a barrister and, jointly with other councils, resist the appeal and take any other further legal action arising in connection with the existing Judicial Review; and
- (2.) a further specific reserve of up to £50,000, additional to the existing reserve created for the purposes of the Judicial Review, be created to cover the costs associated with the appeal.

14. **Exemption to Contract Procedure Rules**

Cabinet Member – Paul Farmer;

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Summary and reasons for recommendation:

The Contract Procedure Rules, contained within Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, allows for exemption to be authorised by a member of the Management Team where they are satisfied that the exemption is justified:-

- (i) in an emergency, for example a building damaged in a fire that need to be made safe;
- (ii) in a case of urgency where following the rules would result in an unreasonable delay; or

- (iii) in requiring the provision of goods, services or works of a specialist nature.

A record of any exemption made by a member of the management team needs to be forwarded to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and reported to the next meeting of the Cabinet and recorded in the minutes

The Cabinet is requested to **NOTE** the following exemptions:-

(a) Replacement of Two Precinct Sweepers

The Council has operated two precinct sweepers, one based in Haverhill and the other in Bury St Edmunds. The sweeper based at Haverhill has now been removed from service following mechanical failure and an assessment of its condition was that it was beyond economical repair. It was also anticipated that the machine based in Bury St Edmunds, although still operational would soon be at its end of useful life. As part of the procurement process, several demonstrations had been undertaken and also trials by frontline operatives. Of the four machines tried there was only one deemed suitably from an operational as well as a maintenance viewpoint and this could only be acquired from the manufacturers. Therefore, the Head of Waste Management and Street Scene Services authorised the purchase of two precinct sweepers under the exemption 2.2 (iii) *'in requiring the provision of goods, services or works of a specialist nature'*.

(b) Replacement Skip Truck

Following the accident involving the skip truck the Council had been hiring a vehicle at a cost of £540 per week. Confirmation was finally received from the insurance assessor that the vehicle was a 'write off'.

Quotations for the purchase of a replacement vehicle were sought and two submissions were received. Both of the tenders quoting a delivery/lead time of around nine weeks of confirmation of order. However one of the tenderers had submitted an alternative quote for an existing skip vehicle which could be delivered and commissioned in about four weeks. The vehicle was the latest technology, both in terms of chassis and body design, and it was deemed suitable for the Council's needs. Therefore because of the financial implications, the Head of Waste Management and Street Scene Services authorised the purchase of this vehicle under exemption of Contract Procedure Rule 2.2 (ii) *'in a case of urgency where following the rules would result in an unreasonable delay.'*

(c) LALPAC Software

The Assistant Chief Executive authorised exemption from Contract Procedure Rule 2.2 (iii), *'in requiring the provision of goods, services or works of a specialist nature'*, for the amendment to the contract for the supply of software to the Licensing Services Team.

Recommendation:

The Cabinet is requested to **NOTE** the exemptions to the Contract Procedure Rules as contained within the Council's Constitution.

Corporate Priority: Improving the safety and well being of the community

15. Public Venue Working Party: 15 July 2009 (Aug 09/10)

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Report **A150** attached (**which includes a full report on the process for naming the public building, (Venue)**).

Summary and reasons for recommendation:

On 15 July 2009 the Public Venue Working Party considered the following items:-

- (1) Public Building (Venue): Naming;
- (2) Appointment of the Public Building (Venue) Director;
- (3) Communication Plan;
- (4) Project Status Report: Construction; and
- (5) Project Status Report: Operational.

Recommendation:

The new public building (Venue) in the arc development, Bury St Edmunds, be named The Apex.

16. Emergency Panel: 21 July 2009 (Aug 09/07)

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Report **A151 TO FOLLOW**.

Summary and reasons for recommendations:

On 21 July 2009 the Emergency Panel will consider the following:-

- (1) Policy on the Issue of Sandbags in a Flood Event;
- (2) Joint Emergency Planning Unit: End of Year Report 2008/2009;
- (3) Major Incident and Emergency Response Plan: Status Report;
- (4) Community Preparedness;
- (5) West Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Training Programme: 2009/2010; and
- (6) Business Continuity Update and Swine Flu Update.

Recommendations:

Recommendations emanating from this meeting will follow as Report A150.

Corporate Priority: Securing a Sustainable and Attractive Environment

17. Sustainable Development Panel: 22 July 2009 (Aug 09/06)

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Report **A152 TO FOLLOW**.

Summary and reasons for recommendations:

On 22 July 2009 the Sustainable Development Panel will consider the following:-

- (1) Draft Flood and Water Management Bill: Possible Impact and Consultation Response for St Edmundsbury;
- (2) Replacement St Edmundsbury Borough Local Plan 2016: Development Brief for Land between Upthorpe Road and Hepworth Road, Stanton;
- (3) St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework - Core Strategy Submission Document;
- (4) St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework: Development Management Development Plan Document;
- (5) St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework: Site Allocations Issues and Options: Additional Sites Consultation Document; and
- (6) St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework: Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) 2009.

Corporate Priority: Creating a Prosperous Local Economy

18. Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party: 20 July 2009 (Aug 09/04)

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Report **A153** attached.

Summary and reasons for recommendations:

On 20 July 2009 the Area Working Party considered the following items:-

- (1) Engineering Services Work Programme;
- (2) Bury St Edmunds, Victoria Street: Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan;
- (3) Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Management Proposed Business Improvement District (BID); and
- (4) Town Centre Lettings Update.

Recommendations:

(a) Gates: Nelson Road, Bury St Edmunds

That the design and funding of new gates in Nelson Road, Bury St Edmunds, as detailed in Section 4 and Appendix B of Report A107, be approved.

(b) Bury St Edmunds Victoria Street: Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan

The revised Bury St Edmunds Victoria Street Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan, attached as Appendix B to Report A108, be adopted as planning guidance.

(c) Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Management Proposed Business Improvement District (BID)

The Borough Council supports the Business Improvement District (BID) process, subject to further information regarding the financial implications for the Borough Council.

19. Haverhill Area Working Party: 23 July 2009 (Aug 09/05)

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Report **A154 TO FOLLOW**.

Summary and reasons for recommendations:

On 23 July 2009 the Area Working Party will consider the following items:-

- (1) Terms of Reference;
- (2) Haverhill Locality Project;
- (3) PATCH (Public Art in the Town Centre of Haverhill): Presentation;
- (4) Friday Market Expansion into the High Street, Haverhill;
- (5) Town Centre Management: Planned Activities to March 2010;
- (6) Queen Street Enhancement Scheme;
- (7) Haverhill Range of Bespoke Street Furniture: Raised Planter for Trees and Shrubs;
- (8) Haverhill Leisure Centre Refurbishment;
- (9) Queen Street Shop Front Grant Scheme: Launch;
- (10) Haverhill Bus Station Refurbishment; and
- (11) Haverhill Community Football Project.

Corporate Priority: Raising Corporate Standards and Efficiency

20. Staff and Management Restructure: Report of the Chief Executive Officer

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Report **A155** attached.

Summary and reasons for recommendations:

The Corporate Director (Community) has been promoted to the post of Chief Executive Officer for Tewkesbury Borough Council. He takes up his new post on 21 September 2009. Between now and then, recognising a significant part of this period falls into the peak Summer holiday period, he will be managing the hand-over of services and major projects for which he was responsible.

This promotion provides the opportunity to review the current senior management arrangements of the authority and to make some adjustments. The proposals are, effectively, a tweaking of the organisation rather than a whole-scale re-organisation and it is felt that this is the right approach, given the current position in relation to Local Government Review (LGR) and inter-area/inter-authority working.

The proposals within the report are also made in the context of the expectations placed upon local government.

Recommendations:

- (1) Cabinet considers the proposals contained within Report A155 and supports the proposals to move senior staff within the organisation and assign new duties as described; and
- (2) Structure at Appendix 1.

EXEMPT INFORMATION – EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC TERMS OF FORMAL RESOLUTION

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 paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

Part 2 – Private

Corporate Priority: Raising Corporate Standards and Efficiency

21. Acquisition of Land: Use of Compulsory Purchase Powers

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Exempt Report **A157 TO FOLLOW.**