



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Cabinet

13 February 2013

Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 16 January 2013

The following reports were also considered at this meeting of the Committee, further to which recommendations to Cabinet have been made:

- (a) Final report of the Anglia Revenues Partnership Task and Finish Group; and
- (b) The Co-ordination of Licensing, Planning and Enforcement Functions Relating to Street Vending (the "A-Boards" Review),

and separate reports relating to these matters appear elsewhere on this Cabinet agenda.

1. Work Programme Update

- 1.1 The Committee now has a rolling work programme, whereby suggestions for scrutiny reviews are brought to each meeting, and if accepted, are timetabled to report to a future meeting. The work programme also leaves space for Call-ins and Councillor Calls for Action. Members reviewed the current position of the work programme, and noted the items which were expected at the next meetings of the Committee.
- 1.2 Additionally, the Chairman circulated a 'Suggestion for Scrutiny' form which asked the Committee to agree to add to its March 2013 agenda a report containing details of loans made by the Borough Council to private firms, including loan amount, schedule of repayments and interest charges. The Chairman wishes to scrutinise the reasons why the Council has lent money to private firms, whether the interest rate charged reflects risk, and why these firms are unable to obtain loans through banks.
- 1.3 The Committee agreed to the suggested review, and a report will be brought to the meeting of the Committee on 6 March 2013, where a discussion will take place in order to gain a clearer understanding of why the Council has lent money to private companies, and on what basis.

2. Decisions Plan: January to May 2013

- 2.1 Members considered the latest Decisions Plan, covering the period January to May 2013. Clarification was sought on two items on the Plan, including the latest position with regard to the collaboration between The Apex and the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds. The Committee did not request any further information or involvement in any of the current planned decisions.

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