



**1. Substitutes**

Any Member who is substituting for another Member should so indicate together with the name of the relevant absent Member.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

**3. Minutes**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2011 (copy attached).

**4. Declarations of Interest**

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 the item is reached*** and, when appropriate, to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on the item.

**Part 1 – Public**

**5. Rural Initiatives Grant Scheme (RIGS): Applications for Project Funding: 2011/2012**

Report C251 attached.

**6. 2012/2013 Core Funding Applications from Voluntary Organisations**

Report C252 attached.

**7. Grants or Management Fees for Former Council Leisure Services**

Report C253 attached.

**8. Brecks Partnership and Dedham Vale Area of Natural Beauty (AONB) and Stour Valley Project**

The Brecks Partnership and the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project are separate partnerships established to protect and promote the environments and economies of these two nationally important areas of natural beauty. They assist the Borough Council in its planning, environmental, economic and heritage functions, and the Council is represented on both bodies.

The current memoranda of agreement for the two partnerships expire in March 2012 (Brecks) and March 2013 (Dedham Vale and Stour Valley).

It was agreed in 2010/2011 that the Borough Council would maintain support for both partnerships given the good value for money they represented in terms of fulfilling the Council's aspirations and duties for the two areas.

However, both partnerships have recognised that, to keep in line with their local authority funders, they will need to continue to reduce their costs if they are to survive. The partnerships have therefore agreed to reduce their overheads to allow the Borough Council and the other local authority partners to reduce their contributions.

The first of these reductions were agreed for 2011/2012. For next year, 2012/2013, the majority of the funding partners have again indicated that they will be making cuts in their contributions of between 5% and 20%, and the partnerships are therefore budgeting on that basis. It is proposed that the Borough Council reduces its contributions by a further 10% from 2012/2013, as follows:-

	2011/2012	2012/2013
Brecks	£11,654	£10,489
Dedham Vale/Stour	£13,330	£11,997

Since the two organisations are principally local authority partnerships, any savings agreed will contribute to the Council's general Dynamic Review – Innovation, Value and Enterprise (DR-IVE) efficiency programme rather than being re-distributed to voluntary or community organisations.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Borough Council reduces its contributions to the Brecks Partnership and the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project by 10% from 2012/2013 to £10,489 and £11,997 respectively.

#### **9. Tackling Drug and Alcohol Problems**

Report **C254** attached.

#### **10. Dates of Future Meetings**

With the agreement of the Chairman, the Working Party is asked to determine the following dates for future meetings in 2012:-

6 March;  
12 June;  
4 September; and  
11 December.

All meetings will be held on Tuesdays commencing at 5.00 pm.

## **Part 2 – Private**

**NONE**