

HAVERHILL

Area Working Party



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL



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Enquiries regarding this Agenda:
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DATE: Thursday 29 July 2010

TIME: 4.15 pm

VENUE: Function Room, Haverhill Community Sports Association (Haverhill Community Football Project),
Chalkstone Way, Haverhill

**** PLEASE NOTE THE VENUE ****

CONSTITUTION: Chairman: *Councillor A Whittaker*
Vice-Chairman: *Councillor Mrs K Richardson*

Conservative Members (8)

Ager
Aitkens
Mrs Gower
Marks
McManus
Mrs Richardson
Mrs Rushbrook
A Whittaker

Labour Member (1)

Vacancy

LLINK (1)

Redhead

SUBSTITUTES: Conservative Members (3)

Anderson
Price
Vacancy

Labour Member (1)

Vacancy

LLINK (1)

Vacancy

QUORUM: Four Members

BY INVITATION: Ms T Hanks (Haverhill Town Centre Management)
Mr G Mussett (Clerk to Haverhill Town Council)
Councillor Mrs E McManus (Haverhill Town Council)

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Agenda

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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 10 June 2010 (copy attached).

4. Declaration 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.

5. Haverhill Community Football Project: Update

The Working Party will receive a brief presentation from Mr Tom Harrison, Chairman of the Haverhill Community Sports Association, welcoming Members to the venue. In addition, the officers will provide an oral report at the meeting in respect of this item with an updated project status report attached as Report **B147**.

The Working Party is asked to **NOTE** the current position as contained within Report B147.

6. Haverhill Player Development Centre

Report **B148** attached.

7. Markets Review

Report **B144** attached (*also considered by the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party on 27 July 2010*).

8. Haverhill Town Centre Management: Update on Work Programme to December 2010

Report **B149** attached.

9. Haverhill Town Centre Management: Update on the Haverhill Residential Welcome Pack

Report **B150** attached.

10. Queen Street Shop Front Grant Scheme: Update

On 10 December 2010, the Working Party approved nine applications for grants under the criteria of the Queen Street Shop Front Grant Scheme (Minute 64 refers.) For Members' information, the current position is as follows:-

- (a) of the nine successful applicants, three needed to obtain planning permission, four had to obtain advertisement consent, one had to supply further details and one could go ahead immediately;
- (b) of the seven applicants who had to obtain one or other forms of consent, one has already obtained advertisement consent and one has submitted a planning application, which is currently being considered. The remainder have struggled with the process of pursuing applications;
- (c) of those who have obtained consent or do not need to do so, a number have struggled to find contractors to undertake the work.

The traders are being provided with help and encouragement from Planning and Economic Development officers, but none of the nine applicants has actually undertaken the work to date. Traders are reporting that economic times are difficult and they are working very hard on their businesses and do not find it easy to give the shop fronts the necessary time or attention. Officers will continue to give support, however, and are hopeful that when the first few shopfronts are improved, the scheme will gain momentum.

The Working Party is requested to **NOTE** the current position.

11. Queen Street Gates: Launch Update

The Working Party will receive an oral report in respect of this item, together with a presentation of pictorial images showing the launch event of the new Queen Street Gates held on 16 July 2010.

The Working Party is requested to **NOTE** the content of the report.

12. Dates of Future Meetings

The Working Party has already determined that its next meeting will be held on Thursday 9 September 2010 at Haverhill Arts Centre, at 4.15 pm.

The Working Party is also requested to confirm the following dates and venues for meetings in 2010:-

- 21 October : Samuel Ward Arts and Technology College; and
- 9 December : Castle Manor Business and Enterprise College.

All dates are Thursdays and the meetings will commence at 4.15 pm.