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Haverhill Area Working Party

***Thursday 29 August 2013 at 4.15 pm
in the Conference Room, Samuel Ward Academy, Haverhill***

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

CONSTITUTION: *Chairman: To be elected
Vice Chairman: To be appointed*

<u><i>Conservative Members (8)</i></u>	<u><i>Labour Member (1)</i></u>	<u><i>Independent Group Member (1)</i></u>
<i>Ager French Mrs Gower Marks McManus Mrs Richardson Mrs Rushbrook A Whittaker</i>	<i>Ms Byrne</i>	<i>Redhead</i>

SUBSTITUTES:

<u><i>Conservative Members (3)</i></u>	<u><i>Labour Member (1)</i></u>	<u><i>Independent Group Member (1)</i></u>
<i>Clifton-Brown Farthing Mrs D Whittaker</i>	<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>Vacancy</i>

QUORUM: *Four Members*

BY INVITATION: *Mr W Austin (Clerk to Haverhill Town Council)
Councillor Pat Hanlon (Haverhill Town Council)*

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Agenda

1. Substitutes

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

2. Election of Chairman

3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

4. Apologies for absence

5. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2013 (copy attached).

6. Declaration of interests

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary or local non-pecuniary 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

7. Cancellation of Article 4 Direction in Haverhill

Report **E82** attached.

8. Public Art in the Town Centre of Haverhill (PATCH)

Report **E83** attached.

9. Haverhill Town Centre Masterplan

Members of the Working Party will be aware that the Haverhill Vision 2031, which is out for final consultation, indicates that more detailed work is required on the vision for the development of the town centre and that this will be captured in a Masterplan.

The formal adoption of a Masterplan cannot take place until Haverhill Vision 2031 has completed the planning inspection process. However, many of the issues which generate rigorous debate in the town, such as the High Street and pedestrianisation, cannot be resolved in isolation from the overall vision for the town centre. This makes an early start on the community engagement and other preparatory work required to develop the Masterplan essential if the Council wishes to minimise the gap between the completion of the planning inspection on Haverhill Vision 2031 and the adoption of the Town Centre Masterplan.

As with the development of the original Masterplan in 2004/2005 engaging with the community and other partners who live, work, visit or provide services in the town will be the key to developing a strong Masterplan. Officers have been exploring with ONE Haverhill the role that the group might play as it provides a ready-made forum in which to engage with partners across the leisure, housing, education, voluntary, community and faith groups as well as the two other tiers of local government. The members of ONE Haverhill interact with a wide range of groups within the community and can bring both that knowledge and access to those groups to the development of the Masterplan.

In addition a wide range of external public sector, business, individuals and other bodies such as utility providers will need to be involved in its preparation as they will hold the key to unlocking some of the issues which the Masterplan will address, for example issues such as possible development site availability, transport flows, parking, infrastructure and health.

Members of the Haverhill Area Working Party will be kept informed of the programme of engagement and will be invited to take part in a range of activities which will support and feed in to the Masterplanning process. HAWP will also be at the heart of the St Edmundsbury decision-making process with the Masterplan coming to the Working Party at its draft stage for comment and again after consultation, before working its way up for consideration by the Sustainable Development Working Party, Cabinet and its ultimate adoption by the Council.

At this stage it has yet to be determined whether the Masterplan will need to be examined by a Planning Inspector. While this would lengthen the preparation process it would also give the Masterplan a higher status in the local planning framework.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The Working Party has already determined that its next meeting will be held on Thursday 21 November 2013 at 4.15 pm at Castle Manor Business and Enterprise College.

Part 2 – Private

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