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Dear Councillor

Cabinet - Tuesday 23 July 2024

Tabled at yesterday's meeting of Cabinet were the enclosed proposed amendments recommended by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the draft West Suffolk Annual Report 2023 to 2024. The report was considered by the Committee on 18 July 2024 following the publication of the Cabinet agenda and papers.

These amendments were duly accepted by the Cabinet.

Yours sincerely

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Draft West Suffolk Annual Report 2023 to 2024

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Report to and date:	Cabinet	23 July 2024
Documents attached:	None	

Draft West Suffolk Annual Report 2023 to 2024: amendments recommended by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the Annual Report on 18 July 2024 (**report number: OAS/WS/24/009**).

The following amendments were recommended by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- Page 8, first bullet point: include, 'Since 2016, £3 million of income has been generated for the council and in 2023 to 2024, £673,000 of income was generated.'
- Page 9, third bullet point: include further explanation of the role of a member-led referencing group and amend annual report to state:

'A new cross party member-led referencing group, the Environment and Sustainability Working Group, was set up in May 2023 to focus on tackling climate change and environmental issues across the district. Initially, it reviewed the council's performance to date in addressing climate change and reported to [Cabinet in September 2023](#). It now meets as the Environment and Sustainability Reference Group (ESRG) and considers a quarterly update on Net Zero and climate change actions carried out across the council, and reviews any areas of concern, interest or opportunity that may arise. The ESRG is supported by an officer working group, the Environment Management Group (EMG).'

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- Page 10: sixth bullet point, amend annual report to state:

'We continue to support the Advanced and Manufacturing Engineering (AME) sector through work on a £15.1 million investment, as detailed in a [report to Cabinet](#), that will provide space for new businesses in that sector to flourish and be supported as well encourage jobs growth. This investment is expected to be funded by business rates income generated from the Enterprise Zone at Suffolk Business Park with support from Suffolk County Council and the former Local Enterprise Partnership. The council purchased 6.8 acres of land at Suffolk Business Park in Bury St Edmunds to develop an 80,000 square foot AME Centre in two phases.'

- Page 12, fourth bullet point, add 'Newmarket'.
- Page 15, second bullet point, include '... at the normal tariff charges...'
- Add further examples of achievements in the rural areas.

There were other minor grammatical amendments recommended to improve clarity of the report.