

## Decisions Plan – Portfolio Holder Decision

### Key Decisions and other executive decisions to be considered

**Date: 1 October 2020 to 31 May 2021**

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The following table provides details of an executive non-key decision expected to be taken by the Leader of the Council.

Members of the public may wish to:

- make enquiries in respect of the intended decision listed below; or
- receive copies of any of the documents in the public domain listed below; or
- receive copies of any other documents in the public domain relevant to those matters listed below which may be submitted to the decision taker; or
- make representations in relation to why meetings to consider the listed items intended for consideration in private should be open to the public.

In all instances, contact should be made with the named Officer in the first instance, either on the telephone number listed against their name, or via email using the format [firstname.surname@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:firstname.surname@westsuffolk.gov.uk) or via West Suffolk Council, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 3YU or College Heath Road, Mildenhall, Bury St Edmunds IP28 7EY.

Expected decision date	Subject and purpose of decision	Reason for taking item in private (see Note 1 for relevant exempt paragraphs)	Decision (D), Key Decision (KD) or Rec (R) to Council on date  (see Note 2 for Key Decision definitions)	Decision taker (see Note 3 for membership)	Portfolio holder contact details	Lead officer contact details	Documents to be submitted
13/10/20	<p><b>West Suffolk Council Response to 'Planning for the Future Consultation'</b></p> <p>On 6 August 2020, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) launched the Planning for the Future White Paper and consultation, which focuses on substantial planning reforms.</p> <p>The White Paper consultation covered a package of proposals for reforms of the planning system, covering plan-making, development</p>	Not applicable	PH (D)	Leader of the Council	John Griffiths 01284 757001	<p>Rachel Almond Service Manager (Planning Development) 01638 719455</p> <p>Marie Smith Service Manager (Planning Strategy) 01638 719260</p>	Report to the Leader of the Council

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	<p>management, development contributions and other related policy proposals. The introduction of new primary and secondary legislation to give effect to the changes is likely to come into effect in 2021.</p> <p>The Government was, therefore, seeking comments on this consultation before 29 October 2020 and the Leader of the Council is being asked to endorse the response from the West Suffolk Council to the</p>						

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	Government's White Paper on Planning for the Future.						

## **Note 1: Definition of exempt information and relevant paragraphs of the Local Government Act 1972**

### **In accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)**

The public may be excluded from all or part of the meeting during the consideration of items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, as follows:

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes –
  - a. to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
  - b. to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

### **In accordance with Section 100A(3) (a) and (b) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)**

Confidential information is also not for public access, but the difference between this and exempt information is that a Government department, legal opinion or the court has prohibited its disclosure in the public domain. Should confidential information require consideration in private, this will be detailed in this Decisions Plan.

## **Note 2: Key decision definition**

A key decision is an executive decision that either:

- a. Results in new expenditure, or a reduced income or savings of more than £100k in any one year that has not otherwise been included in the Council's revenue or capital budgets.
- b. Comprises or includes the making, approval or publication of a draft or final scheme, which is not a routine business decision, that may require, either directly or in the event of objections, the approval of a Minister of the Crown.
- c. Results in the formation of a new company, limited liability partnership or joint venture.
- d. Has a potentially detrimental impact on communities outside of West Suffolk District.
- e. Is a decision that is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in a definable local community in the District, or on one or more wards, in that it will:
  - i. Have a long-term, lasting impact on that community; or
  - ii. Restrict the ability of individual businesses or residents in that area to undertake particular activities; or
  - iii. Removes the provision of a service or facility for that community; or
  - iv. Increases the charges payable by members of the community to provide a service or facility by more than 5%; or
  - v. Have the potential to create significant local controversy or reputational damage to the Council
- f. A matter that the decision maker considers to be a key decision.
- g. Any matters that fall under the scope of e. above must be subject to consultation with the local Member(s) in Wards that are likely to be impacted by the decision prior to the decision being made.

### **Note 3: Membership of bodies making key decisions**

#### **a. Membership of West Suffolk Council's Cabinet and their portfolios**

<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>
John Griffiths	Leader of the Council
Sara Mildmay-White	Deputy Leader of the Council and Housing
Sarah Broughton	Portfolio Holder for Resources and Performance
Carol Bull	Portfolio Holder for Governance
Andy Drummond	Portfolio Holder for Regulatory
Robert Everitt	Portfolio Holder for Families and Communities
Susan Glossop	Portfolio Holder for Growth
Jo Rayner	Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Community Hubs
David Roach	Portfolio Holder for Local Plan Development and Delivery
Peter Stevens	Portfolio Holder for Operations

**b. Membership of the Anglia Revenues Partnership Joint Committee (made up of Breckland Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, East Suffolk Council, Fenland District Council and West Suffolk Council)**

<b>Member Council</b>	<b>Full representative</b>	<b>Substitute representative</b>
Breckland	Philip Cowen	Sam Chapman-Allen and Paul Claussen
East Cambridgeshire	David Ambrose-Smith	David Brown and Joshua Schumann
East Suffolk	Steve Gallant	To be confirmed
Fenland	Jan French	David Connor and Kim French
West Suffolk	Sarah Broughton	Sara Mildmay-White

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