

Forest Heath District Council St Edmundsbury Borough Council

Portfolio Holder Decisions Notice (Published: Thursday 14 February 2019)

The following decision was taken by the Forest Heath District and St Edmundsbury Borough Councils' Portfolio Holders for Operations on **Tuesday 12 February 2019** and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into operation on Friday 22 February 2019. An executive decision may be called in, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules contained within Part 4 of each Council's Constitutions, by at least five Councillors submitting the required call-in request form to the Assistant Director (HR, Legal and Democratic Services) (e-mail: democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk) **by 5.00 pm on Thursday 21 February 2019.**

Should you have a query regarding any of the decisions taken, 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. Alternatively, you may also contact the relevant Portfolio Holder on the telephone number listed against their name, or via email using the format firstname.surname@stedsb.gov.uk or firstname.surname@forest-heath.gov.uk Contact may also be made via Democratic Services, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk, IP33 3YU

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No Agenda Item No. as PH Decision Report No: EXC/SA/19/11	None	<u>Single Council Implementation - Cessation of Batteries Collection Scheme</u> RESOLVED: That: (1) the proposal to cease the collection of batteries in the predecessor St Edmundsbury area, as set out in paragraph 2.1.4 of Report No: EXC/SA/19/011, be approved; and (2) a communications campaign be run to improve the use of other battery recycling facilities in	The FHDC and SEBC Portfolio Holders for Operations consider that of the three options provided in the report, the battery collection scheme in St Edmundsbury should be ceased and for the producer take-back schemes (see section 1.2 of report) to be promoted. There will be minimal financial implications of this approach, and due to the current low take-up of this service (data provided in the report), this would not be a difficult message to communicate in a targeted fashion. The number of accessible battery drop-off points available, which includes a number	Alternative options considered and rejected for the reasons given were: <u>Do nothing:</u> continue to provide the service in the St Edmundsbury area only. There would be no cost to this option, however residents would not receive a consistent service across West Suffolk. Without the boundary between	<u>Portfolio Holders:</u> SEBC Cllr Peter Stevens 01787 280284 FHDC Cllr David Bowman 07711 593737 <u>Officers:</u> Mark Walsh Assistant Director (Operations) 01284 757300

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		West Suffolk, as set out in paragraph 3.2 of Report No: EXC/SA/19/011.	<p>of recognised supermarkets and retailers, makes this the most sensible option.</p> <p>If the scheme was to be rolled in the predecessor area of Forest Heath, this has been estimated as costing in the region of £45,000, therefore this has also been an important consideration of the Portfolio Holders in making their decision.</p>	<p>St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath in place, residents and front line staff would not have a clear method of identifying if an area was included on the scheme or not.</p> <p><u>Introduce the scheme to the Forest Heath area:</u> there would be considerable staff and cost implications to this approach. Estimates based on agency staff delivering and attaching the hooks to each eligible household, including an information pack, are in the region of £45,000.</p>	

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