

Council



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Title:	Agenda
Date:	Tuesday 24 February 2015
Time:	7.00 pm
Venue:	Conference Chamber West Suffolk House Western Way Bury St Edmunds
Membership:	All Councillors You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to transact the business on the agenda set out below.  Joy Bowes Acting Solicitor to the Councils 16 February 2015
The Meeting will be opened with Prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Canon Matthew Vernon, Sub-Dean of St Edmundsbury Cathedral. <i>(Note: Those Members not wishing to be present for prayers should remain in the Members' Breakout Area and will be summoned at the conclusion of prayers.)</i>	
Interests – Declaration and Restriction on Participation:	Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest not entered in the Authority's register or local non pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda (subject to the exception for sensitive information) and to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on an item in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.
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Procedural Matters

Part 1 - Public

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1. Minutes

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2014 (copy attached).

2. Mayor's communications

3. Announcements (if any) from the Leader of the Council or Members of the Cabinet

4. Apologies for Absence

To receive announcements (if any) from the Acting Solicitor to the Councils (including apologies for absence).

5. Public Participation

(Section 9 of the Council Procedure Rules)

To hear and answer any questions from members of the public in the public gallery who are residents of the Borough.

(Note: The maximum time to be set aside for this item is 30 minutes, but if all questions are dealt with sooner, or if there are no questions, the Council will proceed to the next business.

*Each such person will be allowed up to a total of **five minutes for their question to be put and answered.** One further question will be allowed arising directly from the reply, **provided that the original time limit of five minutes is not exceeded.***

***Written questions** may be submitted by members of the public to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services **no later than 10.00 am on Monday 23 February 2015.** The written notification should **detail the full question** to be asked at the meeting of the Council.)*

6. Schedule of Referrals from Cabinet and Joint Development Management Policies Committee

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Schedule attached as Report No. **COU/SE/15/001**

(A) Referrals from Cabinet: 10 February 2015

1. Annual Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2015/2016, Treasury Management Code of Practice, and April – December 2014 Performance Report

Cabinet Member: Cllr David Ray

2. Budget and Council Tax Setting: 2015/2016 and Medium Term Financial Strategy
See Agenda Item 8.
Cabinet Member: Cllr David Ray
3. West Suffolk Homelessness Strategy
Cabinet Member: Cllr Anne Gower
4. Pension Discretions Policy
Cabinet Member: Cllr David Ray
5. West Suffolk Shop Front and Advertisement Design Guide
Cabinet Member: Cllr Terry Clements

(B) Referrals from Cabinet: 24 February 2015 (Special Meeting)

1. Suffolk Business Park Land Assembly
Cabinet Member: Cllr John Griffiths
2. Eastern Relief Road (ERR), Bury St Edmunds
Cabinet Member: Cllr John Griffiths

(C) Referrals from Joint Development Management Policies Committee: 11 February 2015

1. Joint Development Management Policies Document: Planning Inspector's Report and Adoption
Cabinet Member: Cllr Terry Clements

7. Mayoralty 2015/2016

To receive the informal report of the Chairman of the Mayoral Advisory Committee.

8. Budget and Council Tax 2015/2016

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Report No: **COU/SE/15/002**

Cabinet Member: Cllr David Ray Lead Officer: Rachael Mann

Members are reminded that in accordance with regulations introduced last year, there will be a recorded vote on this item.

9. Amendments to Constitution, date of Annual Council 2015 and Programme of Meetings for 2015/2016

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Report No: **COU/SE/15/003**

Cabinet Member: Cllr David Ray Lead Officer: Joy Bowes

10. Question on Notice

Councillor David Nettleton has given notice under paragraph 11.2 of the Council Procedure Rules of the following question to Councillor Griffiths, Leader of the Council:-

'As part of the council's 'Think Asia: Think Hong Kong' strategy, is any thought given to the 'one person, one vote' protest movement in Hong Kong as the Communist Chinese government in Beijing seeks to dictate who can or cannot stand for election to the Legislative Council?'

Paragraph 11.5 of the Council Procedure Rules states that:-

'Every question will be answered without discussion. The Member who is asked the question may decline to answer or may ask another Member to answer but that Member may also decline to answer. An answer may take the form of:-

- (a) a direct oral answer summarised in the minutes;*
- (b) where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or*
- (c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally at the meeting, a written answer sent by the appropriate officer and/or relevant Member to all Members within 10 working days of the Council meeting'.*

Paragraph 11.6 states that:-

'A Member asking a question under paragraph 11.2 or 11.3 of these Rules may ask one supplementary question, without notice, of a Member to whom the first question was asked. The supplementary question must arise directly from the original question or the reply'.

11. Report on Special Urgency

Part 4, Access to Information Procedural Rules, of the Constitution (paragraphs 17.3.1 and 17.3.2) requires the Leader of the Council to submit quarterly reports to the Council on the executive decisions taken, if any, in the circumstances set out in Rule 16, Special Urgency, in the preceding three months.

Accordingly, the Leader of the Council reports that no executive decisions have been taken under the Special Urgency provisions of the constitution.

12. Reports and Questions

(Note: Council Procedure Rule 11.1 of the Constitution requires that:

- (a) The time limit for all questions and answers under this item is one and a half hours; and***
- (b) A maximum of 7 minutes to be initially allocated to each report and questions on that report (to include up to two minutes if necessary for the report writer to present their report). After every report has been received, the Mayor will determine if further questions can be put to the relevant Member(s) in the balance of the hour and a half left available for this session.)***

(a) Report from the Leader of the Council

Cabinet Member: Cllr John Griffiths

This report will be circulated to all members before the meeting.

(b) Report from the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Health and Communities 107 - 110

Report No. **COU/SE/15/004**

Cabinet Member: Cllr Sara Mildmay-White

(c) Report from the Portfolio Holder for Waste and Property 111 - 114

Report No. **COU/SE/15/005**

Cabinet Member: Cllr Peter Stevens

(d) Report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing 115 - 118

Report No. **COU/SE/15/006**

Cabinet Member: Cllr Anne Gower

(e) Report from the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Performance 119 - 126

Report No. **COU/SE/15/007**

Cabinet Member: Cllr David Ray

(f) Report from the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth 127 - 130

Report No. **COU/SE/15/008**

Cabinet Member: Cllr Alaric Pugh

(g) Report from the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation 131 - 134

Report No. **COU/SE/15/009**
Cabinet Member: Cllr Terry Clements

(h) Report from the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Heritage 135 - 140

Report No. **COU/SE/15/010**
Cabinet Member: Cllr Sarah Stamp

(i) Report from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 141 - 142

Report No. **COU/SE/15/011**
Chairman: Cllr Ian Houlder

(j) Report from the Chairman of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee 143 - 146

Report No. **COU/SE/15/012**
Chairman: Cllr Sarah Broughton

(k) Questions to Chairmen of other Committees

Under this item, Members may ask the relevant Chairman questions relating to meetings of the following committees on the dates indicated:-

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>
Development Control Committee	Cllr Jim Thorndyke	4 December 2014 8 January 2015 5 February 2015
Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Cllr Frank Warby	There have been no meetings since the last Council meeting.

Part 2 – Exempt

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