



Forest Heath District Council

Cabinet Decisions Notice (Published: Thursday 19 March 2015)

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on **Tuesday 17 March 2015** and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into operation on Friday 27 March 2015. A decision may be called in, in accordance with the Procedure Rules contained within Part 4D of the Council's Constitution, by five Councillors submitting the required call-in request form to the Chief Executive (e-mail: ian.gallin@westsuffolk.gov.uk) **by 5.00 pm on Thursday 26 March 2015**.

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@forest-heath.gov.uk. Contact may also be made via Democratic Services, Forest Heath District Council, District Offices, College Heath Road, Mildenhall, Suffolk, IP28 7EY

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Item No. 3 Report No: CAB/FH/ 15/015	None	<p><u>West Suffolk Annual Report 2014/2015</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: That the West Suffolk Annual Report 2014/2015, as contained in Appendix A to Report No: CAB/FH/15/015, as amended to incorporate the revisions recommended by both Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the further amendment to the new paragraph added to Page 19 of the document, as contained in the minutes of the Extraordinary Cabinet meeting held on 17 March 2015, be approved.</p>	The West Suffolk Annual Report highlights the key activities and developments that have been achieved over the financial year 2014-2015, with regard to the priorities set out in the West Suffolk Strategic Plan 2014-2016. The Cabinet, during informal discussions with St Edmundsbury's Cabinet, supported the amendments suggested by both Overview and Scrutiny Committees, and the subsequent relatively minor amendment made to the new paragraph inserted on Page 19 of the document relating to the merging of West Suffolk's two leisure trusts.	It is good practice for councils to report on progress against their priorities in this way and ensures transparency on how they spend public money. Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury could report separately on their work to achieve their priorities; however, this would not reflect some of the excellent work which has been delivered jointly across West Suffolk or how St	<p><u>Portfolio Holder:</u> Cllr James Waters 07771 621038</p> <p><u>Officer:</u> Davina Howes Head of Families and Communities 01284 757070</p>

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				Edmundsbury and Forest Heath continue to successfully work in partnership.	
Item No. 3 Report No: CAB/FH/ 15/016	None	<p><u>Universal Credit Delivery Partnership Agreement</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: That</p> <p>(1) the phase one implementation of Universal Credit across West Suffolk be noted;</p> <p>(2) the broad content of the Universal Credit Delivery Partnership Agreement attached at Appendix A to Report No: CAB/FH/15/016 be agreed and delegated authority be given to the Head of Families and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Governance and Performance to make final amendments to this document;</p> <p>(3) delegated authority be given to the Head of Families and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Performance, to negotiate the costs being sought from the Department for Work and Pensions to support the implementation of Universal</p>	Noting that they are in the first tranche of the roll out of Universal Credit (UC) for single claimants in April 2015, both St Edmundsbury Borough and Forest Heath District Councils support the Agreement between the Department for Work and Pensions and the partnering councils to enable the delivery of UC using a coherent joined up approach.	The Council could choose not to provide advice and support to residents affected by Universal Credit; however, it is considered appropriate that staff receive adequate training to provide and/or signpost customers to the relevant organisation.	<p><u>Portfolio Holder:</u> Cllr Stephen Edwards 01638 660518</p> <p><u>Officer:</u> Davina Howes Head of Families and Communities 01284 757070</p>

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		Credit (Appendix A, Schedule Two); and (4) it be noted that review periods will be arranged with the Department of Work and Pensions in order to assess the actual impact of Universal Credit in the area.			

Joy Bowes
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 19 March 2015