

Council



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Title:	Agenda
Date:	Tuesday 15 December 2015
Time:	7.00 pm
Venue:	Conference Chamber West Suffolk House Western Way Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU
Membership:	All Councillors You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to transact the business on the agenda set out below.  Ian Gallin Chief Executive 7 December 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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Public Information



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Access to agenda and reports before the meeting:	Copies of the agenda and reports are open for public inspection at the above address at least five clear days before the meeting. They are also available to view on our website.	
Attendance at meetings:	The Borough Council actively welcomes members of the public and the press to attend its meetings and holds as many of its meetings as possible in public.	
Public questions:	Members of the public may ask questions of Members of the Cabinet or any Committee Chairman at ordinary meetings of the Council. 30 minutes will be set aside for persons in the public gallery who live or work in the Borough to ask questions about the work of the Council. 30 minutes will also be set aside for questions at special or extraordinary meetings of the Council, but must be limited to the business to be transacted at that meeting.	
Disabled access:	West Suffolk House has facilities for people with mobility impairments including a lift and wheelchair accessible WCs. However in the event of an emergency use of the lift is restricted for health and safety reasons. Visitor parking is at the car park at the front of the building and there are a number of accessible spaces.	
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Procedural Matters

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1. Minutes

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To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 22 September 2015 and 17 November 2015 (Extraordinary meeting) (copies attached).

2. Mayor's announcements

3. Apologies for Absence

To receive announcements (if any) from the officer advising the Mayor (including apologies for absence)

4. Declarations of Interests

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary or local non pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda **no later than when that item is reached** and, when appropriate, to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on the item.

Part 1 - Public

5. St Edmundsbury's Success at the Suffolk Sports Awards

In recognition of St Edmundsbury's success in winning six awards at the recent Suffolk Sports Awards, the Mayor and Leader of the Council will formally honour the achievers of the awards.

Councillor Joanna Rayner, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture, will introduce the item.

6. Leader's Statement

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Paper No: **COU/SE/15/035**

(Council Procedure Rules 8.1 – 8.3) Members may ask the Leader questions on the content of both his introductory remarks and the written statement itself.

A total of 30 minutes will be allowed for questions and responses. There will be a limit of five minutes for each question to be asked and answered. A supplementary question arising from the reply may be asked so long as the five minute limit is not exceeded.

7. Public Participation

(Council Procedure Rules Section 6) Members of the public who live or work in the Borough are invited to put one question

of not more than five minutes duration.

(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 person may ask **one** question only. A total of **five minutes will be allowed for the 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 Service Manager (Democratic Services and Elections) **no later than 10.00 am on Monday 14 December 2015.** The written notification should **detail the full question** to be asked at the meeting of the Council.)*

8. Referrals report of recommendations from Cabinet and Democratic Renewal Working Party

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Report No: **COU/SE/15/036**

Referrals from Cabinet: 20 October 2015

1. Delivering a Sustainable Budget: 2016/2017
Cabinet Member: Cllr Ian Houlder

Referrals from Cabinet: 24 November 2015

1. West Suffolk Councils - Gambling Act 2005: Joint Statement of Policy 2016 to 2019
Cabinet Member: Cllr Alaric Pugh
2. Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Technical Changes 2016/2017
Cabinet Member: Cllr Ian Houlder
3. Council Tax Base for Tax Setting Purposes 2016/2017
Cabinet Member: Cllr Ian Houlder

Referrals from Cabinet: 8 December 2015

1. Land to East of Barrow Hill, Barrow: Development Brief
Cabinet Member: Cllr Alaric Pugh
2. Development Brief for Allocated Housing Development Site at Erskine Lodge, Great Whelnetham
Cabinet Member: Cllr Alaric Pugh

3. The Meadow, Wickhambrook Development Brief
Cabinet Member: Cllr Alaric Pugh

Referrals from Democratic Renewal Working Party: 2 December 2015

1. Community Governance Review - Initial Consultation Results
Chairman: Cllr Patsy Warby

9. West Suffolk Joint Independent Remuneration Panel - Review of Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council Members' Allowances Scheme

The West Suffolk Joint Independent Remuneration Panel had circulated a questionnaire to all Members seeking their views on the current Members' Allowances Scheme being extended for a further 12 months and asking to be informed of any urgent items which should be considered before a full review is carried out in 2016.

The Panel would like to thank Members who responded and confirmed that all comments had been considered: the issue of general taxation of mileage allowances was a matter for HM Revenues and Customs and was not within the remit of the Panel; and the perceived discrepancy between rural and town centre Members relating to mileage would be considered as part of the full review in 2016.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that:

- (1) the St Edmundsbury Borough Council Members' Allowances Scheme continue in its current form until 30 November 2016; and
- (2) a new West Suffolk Joint Independent Remuneration Panel be appointed from 1 June 2016, to conduct a full review of both Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council Members' Allowances Schemes.

10. Questions to Committee Chairmen

Members are invited to ask questions of committee Chairmen on business transacted by their committees since the last ordinary meeting of Council on 22 September 2015.

Committee	Chairman	Dates of meetings
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Diane Hind	15 October 2015 11 November 2015
Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Sarah Broughton	25 November 2015
Development Control	Cllr Jim Thorndyke	1 October 2015

Committee		5 November 2015 3 December 2015
Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Cllr Frank Warby	29 September 2015

11. Urgent Questions on Notice

The Council will consider any urgent questions on notice that were notified to the Service Manager (Democratic Services and Elections) by 11am on the day of the meeting.

12. Report on Special Urgency

Part 4, Access to Information Procedural Rules, of the Constitution (paragraph 18.3) 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 17, 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.

Part 2 – Exempt

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