



Forest Heath District Council

Cabinet Decisions Notice

(Published: Thursday 3 September 2015)

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on **Tuesday 1 September 2015** and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into operation on Friday 11 September 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 10 September 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

Agenda Item and Report No.	Declarations of Interest/Dispensations Granted	Decision(s) (including recommendations to Council)	Reason(s) for Decision(s)	Other Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection	Contacts
Item No. 4 CAB/FH/15/038	None	<p><u>West Suffolk Strategic Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016-2020</u></p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:</p> <p>That subject to updates and amendments by the Leaders, as detailed in paragraphs 13 and 14 of Report No: CAB/FH/15/038, the:</p> <p>(1) West Suffolk Strategic Plan 2016-2020; and</p> <p>(2) West Suffolk Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016-2020, be adopted.</p>	<p>Since the adoption of the West Suffolk Strategic Plan and the West Suffolk Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) in February 2014, Forest Heath District and St Edmundsbury Borough Councils have been working to deliver their priorities and embed them in their culture. Work has also been undertaken to ensure links between the West Suffolk Strategic Plan and the financial framework, in particular the MTFS. This has resulted in some, whilst not significant, changes to the two documents, as recommended for adoption.</p>	<p>The alternative option is to not have a Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) or Strategic Plan; however it is considered that these documents and the direction provided within them are essential to the effective running of an efficient council. The Councils' external and internal auditors consider the MTFS to be a key element of the arrangements necessary to ensure</p>	<p><u>Portfolio Holders:</u> Cllr James Waters 07771 621038</p> <p>Cllr Stephen Edwards 01638 660518</p> <p><u>Officers:</u> Davina Howes Head of Families and Communities 01284 757070</p> <p>Rachael Mann Head of Resources and</p>

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				effective financial governance.	Performance 01638 719245
Item No. 5 CAB/FH/15/039	None.	<p><u>West Suffolk Investment Framework</u></p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:</p> <p>That the West Suffolk Investment Framework attached at Attachment A to Report No: CAB/FH/15/039, be approved: and</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the feasibility funding schedule attached at Attachment B, be noted.</p>	The Cabinet recommends approval of the West Suffolk Investment Framework as it supports staff and Members throughout the initial development stages to the decision making process for the Councils' key strategic projects, particularly those that require the Councils to invest. It also supports the Councils' compliance with the 'The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities'.	The Council could choose not to adopt the West Suffolk Investment Framework and instead rely on the Medium Term Financial Strategy to act as a framework for investment decisions.	<p><u>Portfolio Holder:</u> Cllr Stephen Edwards 01638 660518</p> <p><u>Officer:</u> Rachael Mann Head of Resources and Performance 01638 719245</p>

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