



# Forest Heath District Council

## Cabinet Decisions Notice (Published: Thursday 6 April 2017)

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on **Tuesday 4 April 2017** and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into operation on Tuesday 18 April 2017. This procedure does not however, apply to decisions that have been recommended to Council for a final decision (and which are also indicated within the decisions below). An executive decision may be called in, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules contained within Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, 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](mailto:democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk)) by **5.00 pm on Thursday 13 April 2017**.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 5 CAB/FH/17/015	None	<u>Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 16 March 2017</u>  RESOLVED:  That the content of Report No: CAB/FH/17/015, being the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, be noted.	The report set out the decisions which had been made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 12 January 2017.	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had considered the options in detail at their meeting on 16 March 2017.	<u>Chairman of the Committee:</u> Cllr Simon Cole 07974 443762  <u>Officer:</u> Christine Brain Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny)

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Item No. 6 CAB/FH/17/016	None	<p><u>Core Strategy Single Issue Review (CS SIR) and Site Allocations Local Plan (SALP) - Next Steps</u></p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: (26 April 2017)</p> <p>That the Planning Inspector be requested to make any necessary main modifications under Section 20 (7c) of the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchases Act that he/she judges necessary, to make all submitted Local Plan documents 'sound'.</p>	<p>Planning Inspectors no longer make modifications unless specifically asked to do so by the Local Planning Authority. It was important that the Inspector be formally requested to do so, otherwise, if he found the Plan not to be sound, he would have no choice but to recommend that the Plan not be adopted and the Local Authority would have to start the Plan making process again. Therefore, to meet all the legal requirements and in accordance with paragraph 6.5 of the procedural practice in the Examination of Local Plans, a further resolution was requested under Section 20 of the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act.</p>	<p>As this was a legal requirement there were no alternative options for consideration.</p>	<p><u>Portfolio Holder:</u> Cllr Lance Stanbury 07970 947704</p> <p><u>Officer:</u> Marie Smith Service Manager (Planning Strategy)</p>
Item No. 7 CAB/FH/17/017	None	<p><u>Development of a New Partnership Agreement with Abbeycroft Leisure</u></p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: (26 April 2017)</p> <p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A new Partnership Agreement be entered into with Abbeycroft Leisure for a period of 15 years, with options to extend for 5 + 5 years, subject to the protections included in the Partnership Agreement.</li> </ol>	<p>The new Partnership Agreement with Abbeycroft Leisure had been developed in line with the previously approved principles and commitments of Cabinet and Council, as set out in Section 2 of Report No: CAB/FH/17/017 and, therefore, satisfactorily supported the objectives and priorities of the Council and Abbeycroft regarding the promotion of health and wellbeing by supporting people to engage in physical activity.</p>	<p>The existing Management Agreement and associated leases (that were out-of-date) were relied upon to manage the agreement with Abbeycroft and a competitive procurement process was entered into to identify a new partner.</p>	<p><u>Portfolio Holder:</u> Cllr Andy Drummond 01638 751411</p> <p><u>Officer:</u> Jill Korwin Director 01284 757252</p>

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		<p>2. The Partnership Agreement be finalised in line with Report No: CAB/FH/17/017 and the Heads of Terms attached at Appendix 1, subject to the inclusion of an additional indicator within the Performance Management Framework to measure the increase in participation at community events, run by other partners, but supported by Abbeycroft Leisure Ltd.</p>	<p>The Cabinet also agreed that within the Performance Management Framework there should be an appropriate indicator to measure the impact of Abbeycroft Leisure in the promotion of the role of community groups/the use of community sites in the provision of health and wellbeing.</p> <p>As part of the new Partnership Agreement, Abbeycroft had also committed to deliver a zero management fee to the Council by 2025.</p>	<p><b>Implications:</b> Entering into a procurement exercise would take around 18 months having regard to the contract value and length and market testing. The procurement process and contract management would require additional resource in the Council.</p>	
<p>Item No. 8 CAB/FH/17/018</p>	<p>None</p>	<p><u>Establishing a Mechanism for Investing in our Growth Agenda</u></p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That:-</p> <p>1. The strategic approach to investment planning (as outlined in Report No: CAB/FH/17/018 and at Section 3) and the development of an overarching investment strategy for Council approval in due course be supported and approved.</p> <p>2. The principle of the Cabinet's role in the leadership and decision-making in relation to the investment fund (outlined in</p>	<p>The Council had previously committed (with St Edmundsbury Borough Council) in its Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017-2020, its intention to facilitate sustainable growth that benefitted its communities, including through investment, over the period of the strategy. This was in order to deliver the Council's growth objectives as well as moving towards its goal of self-sufficiency.</p> <p>As part of the February 2017 Budget and Council Tax setting report, a £20m revolving capital investment fund was created as a pending item within the Council's capital programme, funded from external borrowing. The Cabinet</p>	<p>The Council could choose not to proceed with the proposed approach and to continue 'as is'. Section 2 of Report No: CAB/FH/17/018 set out some limitations to the current approach.</p> <p>An alternative was that the Council could choose to hold additional Council meetings to consider investment opportunities.</p>	<p><u>Portfolio Holders:</u> Cllr Lance Stanbury 07970 947704</p> <p>Cllr Stephen Edwards 07711 457657</p> <p><u>Officer:</u> Rachael Mann Assistant Director (Resources and Performance) 01638 719245</p>

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		<p>Report No: CAB/FH/17/018 and at Sections 4 and 5) be supported and approved.</p> <p>3. The transfer from reserves as detailed in paragraph 5.2 and 5.3 of Report No: CAB/FH/17/018 for the creation of a £1m revenue budget to support the capital investment fund, be noted.</p> <p>4. It be noted that prior to the adoption of the overarching investment strategy, referred at 1. above, the current constitutional decision mechanisms will continue to operate.</p>	<p>considered and supported the strategic approach to investment planning and the principle of the proposed governance for the aforementioned fund, which would enable the council to be proactive as new investment and growth opportunities arose. The creation of a £1 million revenue reserve budget to facilitate the fund's next steps in delivering growth and investment opportunities, had also been noted and supported.</p> <p>Whilst the principles had been supported and agreed, further approval would be required on certain elements of the overall approach to establishing a mechanism for investing in the Council's growth agenda, in due course.</p>	<p>Another alternative was for the Chief Executive to use his urgency powers to ensure opportunities were not lost, however, this did not provide the greatest level of democratic process or scrutiny.</p>	

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