



Forest Heath District Council

Cabinet Decisions Notice

(Published: Thursday 3 November 2016)

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on **Tuesday 1 November 2016** and, if not called in by Councillors, and where applicable, will come into operation on Friday 11 November 2016. 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 Head of HR, Legal and Democratic Services (e-mail: democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk) **by 5.00 pm on Thursday 10 November 2016.**

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. 4 CAB/FH/16/049	None	<p><u>Investing in our Leisure Provision in West Suffolk and Establishing a Long Term Strategic Partnership Approach and Reduced Management Fee with Abbeycroft Leisure</u></p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: (21 December 2016) <i>(Decision 1. below is not subject to call-in)</i></p> <p>That:- 1. The creation of a strategic investment fund of £5m</p>	In recognition of the continued financial challenges in the public sector and that the pressure in the longer term could be worsened with the uncertainty of local government finances, the Cabinet supported the approach for bringing the Council's leisure services provider in line with its longer term strategic planning approach regarding striving towards self-sufficiency and had agreed that a new long term partnership agreement should	Not to support the creation of the proposed investment fund, long term strategic approach for the provision of leisure services in West Suffolk, nor the proposed investments in the shorter term. However, this may not support a reduction in	<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>across West Suffolk (£3.5m Forest Heath District Council and £1.5m St Edmundsbury Borough Council) funded from the strategic priorities and Medium Term Financial Strategy Reserve, with delegated authority given to Cabinet (for sums of £500,000 or more) and delegation to the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture in conjunction with a Director and the Head of Resources and Performance (for sums of less than £500,000) to draw down from this fund, subject to a satisfactory business case for each investment proposal for investment in the Council's leisure facilities.</p> <p>and</p> <p>RESOLVED: That:-</p> <p>2. The development of a long-term leisure partnership agreement (supported by a business plan) be approved, for consideration at a future Cabinet meeting that must</p>	<p>be developed, which needed to address the specific issues, as identified in the second decision listed.</p> <p>In line with the above, the Cabinet supported the creation of an investment fund of £5m (of which Forest Heath District Council's proportion would be £3.5m) and had recommended its approval to Council so that it could act as an enabler for delivering a zero management fee in the medium to longer term, through schemes that would provide new capacity or upgraded facilities.</p> <p>In respect of issues that needed addressing in the shorter term, the Cabinet had approved an immediate allocation of £204,000 (ex VAT) on an 'invest to save' basis for the upgrading of the current gymnasium equipment at Newmarket Leisure Centre, through re-design of the space to increase capacity and investment in upgraded cardiovascular fitness equipment. This, in turn, would</p>	<p>management fee payable.</p>	

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		<p>address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The principles of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and Value for Money considerations. - The outcomes of the Promoting Physical Activity Framework. - The planned utilisation of the investment (established in recommendation 1. above) to achieve the reduction in the management fee payable by the Council to zero. - The principles set out in Section 2.1 of Report No CAB/FH/16/049. <p>Due to the urgency of initial funding requests, the following decision has also been taken:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That:-</p> <p>3. An investment of £204,000 (ex VAT) into new</p>	<p>guarantee a reduction in management fee of £60,000 per annum from 2017/2018 onwards. This represented a return on investment of 29.4%.</p>		

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		equipment for the Newmarket Leisure Centre from the Council's approved capital invest to save fund to deliver a £60,000 per annum management fee saving.			

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