



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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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@stedsbc.gov.uk. Contact may also be made via Democratic Services, St Edmundsbury Borough Council, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk, IP33 3YU

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/SE/16/055 (AMENDED)	None	<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> RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL (20 December 2016) <i>(this particular decision(1) is not subject to call-in):</i> That (1) the creation of a strategic investment fund of £5m be approved, funded from the strategic priorities and	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 supports 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 has 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	<u>Portfolio Holder:</u> Cllr Jo Rayner 07872 456836 <u>Officer:</u> Jill Korwin Director 01284 757252

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		<p>medium term financial strategy reserve, across West Suffolk (£3.5m FHDC and £1.5m SEBC) 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 satisfactory business case for each investment proposal for investment in the Council's leisure facilities;</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 address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the principles of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and 	<p>be developed, which needs to address the specific issues, as identified in the second decision listed.</p> <p>In line with the above, the Cabinet supports the creation of an investment fund of £5m (of which SEBC's proportion would be £1.5m) and has recommended its approval to Council so that it can act as an enabler for delivering a zero management fee in the medium to longer term, through schemes that will provide new capacity or upgraded facilities.</p> <p>In respect of issues that need addressing in the shorter term, the Cabinet has approved an immediate allocation of £240,000 (ex VAT) on an 'invest to save' basis for provision of new gymnasium equipment at Skyliner Sports Centre, which will in turn provide a reduction in management fee of £40,000 from 2017/18 onwards and represents a return on investment of 16.67%. In addition, the Cabinet has</p>	<p>management fee payable.</p>	

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		<p>value for money considerations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the outcomes of the Promoting Physical Activity Framework; • the planned utilisation of the investment (established in recommendation (1)) to achieve the reduction in the management fee payable by the Council to zero; • the optimum duration of the agreement; and • the principles set out in Section 2.1 of Report No CAB/SE/16/055. <p>Due to the urgency of initial funding requests, the following decisions have also been taken:</p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL (20 December 2016) (<i>this particular decision (3)(a) is not subject to call-in</i>): That</p>	<p>recommended to Council, approval for an additional contribution of £177,582 (ex VAT) to ensure the 3G pitch at Skyliner Sports Centre is to a size and standard acceptable to meet FA and local club requirements. This will ensure the pitch is commercially viable and will ultimately contribute to a reduction in management fee for Abbeycroft Leisure.</p>		

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		<p>(3)</p> <p>(a) an additional £177,582 (ex VAT) funding be approved, from unallocated capital receipts for the 3G pitch at Skyliner Sports Centre to meet the additional cost incurred to deliver a 3G pitch facility to meet FA and community requirements; and</p> <p>RESOLVED: That</p> <p>(b) an investment of £240,000 (ex VAT) into equipment for the Skyliner Sports Centre be approved, from the Council's approved capital invest to save fund.</p>			

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3 November 2016