



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Cabinet Decisions Notice
(Published: Thursday 30 June 2016)

The following decision was taken by the Cabinet on **Tuesday 28 June 2016** and, due to the reasons provided in the 'reason for the decision' column below, this Cabinet decision **has been exempted from the Call-in procedure**. As provided for under Part 4 of the Constitution under the Overview and Scrutiny Rules paragraph 14.4 the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency.

Should you have a query regarding 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

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Item No. 2 CAB/SE/16/032	None	<u>Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Agreement</u> RESOLVED: That The following recommendations approved by Council on 28 June 2016, in respect of the Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Agreement contained in Report No: COU/SE/16/010, be endorsed: 1. That the Authority endorses the signing of the Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Agreement by the Leader.	Although approved by Council on 28 June 2016, the decision was technically considered to be an executive decision. The Cabinet met separately and endorsed the recommendations previously considered by Council in Report No: COU/SE/16/010, as reproduced in Report No: CAB/SE/16/032. Given the urgency for all authorities involved in this process needing to have considered the matters contained in the report by no later than 4 July 2016, the	No other options were considered and rejected due to the statutory requirement for the recommendations previously approved by Council to be endorsed by Cabinet.	<u>Portfolio Holder:</u> Cllr John Griffiths 07958 700434 <u>Officer:</u> Ian Gallin 01284 757001

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		<p>2. That, on the basis of the Governance Review, and having regard to any impact on equalities explored in the Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA), the Authority concludes that the establishment of a Mayoral Combined Authority for Norfolk and Suffolk is the option which most fully permits the effective discharge of the functions that Government is prepared to devolve to this area.</p> <p>3. That the Authority endorses and supports the publication of the draft Scheme for a Norfolk and Suffolk Mayoral Combined Authority as attached to this report for consultation purposes, subject to such final revisions as may be approved by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader, and prior to the commencement of the formal consultation exercise. Such formal consultation, on the Scheme, to commence once all Norfolk and Suffolk Councils have considered the matters in this report and, in any event, no later</p>	<p>Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had previously agreed that this Cabinet decision should be exempted from the Call-in procedure, as explained in the Special Urgency Notice relating to this matter, published on 22 June 2016.</p>		

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		<p>than the 4 July 2016. In the event that a Constituent Authority named in the attached Scheme does not agree to endorse the Deal Agreement and/or the Scheme, the Authority authorises, through its Chief Executive the relevant changes to be made to the Deal Agreement, the Scheme and the Governance Review to reflect that Authority's non-participation.</p> <p>4. That the outcome of the consultation exercise is submitted to the Secretary of the State by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, by early September.</p> <p>5. That council meets by no later than 28 October 2016 to consider giving consent to an Order establishing a Mayoral Combined Authority for Norfolk and Suffolk.</p> <p>6. Insofar as any of the matters referred to in Report No: COU/SE/16/010 concern the discharge of functions ancillary to</p>			

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		<p>the endorsing and signing of the Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Agreement and the publication of the Scheme, authority is delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader, to take all necessary steps and actions to progress the recommendations detailed in this report.</p> <p>7. Negotiations on the Deal agreement have only recently been concluded and the Review and Scheme have been subject to last minute change. In the event that additional powers are required by the Combined Authority to deliver the Deal Agreement, authority is delegated to the Chief Executive, in agreement with the other Chief Executives across Norfolk and Suffolk to make the necessary changes to the Scheme.</p> <p>8. That further reports are presented to the Authority as appropriate as the Devolution process develops.</p>			

Karen Points, Head of HR, Legal and Democratic Services 30 June 2016