



Forest Heath District Council

Cabinet Decisions Notice

(Published: Thursday 24 November 2016)

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet at an extraordinary meeting on **Tuesday 22 November 2016** and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into operation on Friday 2 December 2016. 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 1 December 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.

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/16/050 <u>AMENDED RECOMMENDATION TABLED AT THE MEETING</u>	None	<u>Findings of the Extraordinary (Informal Joint) Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 4 October 2016 - What Will Devolution Mean for West Suffolk?</u> RESOLVED: That the concerns of the St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath Overview and Scrutiny Committees regarding the veto vote of the directly elected Mayor for the then proposed Mayoral Combined Authority for Norfolk and Suffolk, as outlined	The Cabinet acknowledged the examination of the issue of Devolution by the Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Committee at a joint meeting with St Edmundsbury Borough Council's O&S Committee and noted its findings as set out in Section 3 of Report No: OAS/FH/16/027, including its concern regarding the potential for a veto vote of the directly elected mayor for the then proposed Norfolk and Suffolk Combined Authority, as outlined in paragraph 1.2 of Report No: CAB/FH/16/050.	No other options had been considered and rejected.	<u>Portfolio Holder:</u> Cllr James Waters 07771 621038 <u>Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:</u> Cllr Simon Cole 07974 443762 <u>Officer:</u> Ian Gallin Chief Executive

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		<p>in paragraph 1.2 of Report No CAB/FH/16/050, be formally acknowledged and noted, and this will be taken into account in any negotiations regarding the setting up of a Mayoral authority for Devolution during negotiations at a later stage.</p>	<p>The Cabinet had agreed it was acceptable to formally note the recommendation, as amended*, and that it be taken into account in any future negotiations regarding the setting up of a Mayoral authority for Devolution.</p> <p><i>*The recommendation was amended and tabled at the meeting following Council's decision to vote on a revised set of recommendations at its Extraordinary meeting immediately preceding this meeting (these revised Council recommendations are attached to this Decisions Notice for information).</i></p>		01284 757001
<p>Item No. 5 CAB/FH/16/051 <u>FOR INFORMATION ONLY</u></p>	None	<p><u>Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Agreement</u></p> <p>As the decisions taken by Council on the revised set of recommendations tabled at its meeting immediately preceding the meeting of Cabinet (see 'Reason(s) for Decision(s)' column for Item 4 above) were not considered to be executive decisions in full or in part, the Cabinet was no longer required</p>	<p>As the decisions taken by Council on the revised set of recommendations tabled at the meeting immediately preceding the meeting of Cabinet (See 'Reason(s) for Decision(s)' column for Item 4 above) were not considered to be executive decisions in full or in part, the Cabinet was no longer required to endorse those decisions.</p>	<p>No other options had been considered and rejected as the recommendations previously approved by Council were no longer required to be endorsed by Cabinet.</p>	<p><u>Portfolio Holder:</u> Cllr James Waters 07771 621038</p> <p><u>Officer:</u> Ian Gallin Chief Executive 01284 757009</p>

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		to endorse those decisions.			

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24 November 2016

Extraordinary Council



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Title of Report:	Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Agreement	
Report No:	COU/FH/16/023	
Report to and date:	Extraordinary Council	22 November 2016

REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS: TABLED AT THE MEETING

As a result of the decision by King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council not to consent to being included in a draft Order to be laid before Parliament to create a Mayoral Combined Authority for Norfolk and Suffolk to implement the Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Deal, it is likely that the Government will take the Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Deal off the table.

In light of this, the Council agrees:

- (1) To reiterate the commitment, given at its June meeting, to Devolution as a means for delivering accelerated growth in the local and national economy and helping local people and places fulfil their potential;**
- (2) To authorise the Leader and Chief Executive to:**
 - (a) seek an urgent meeting with the Secretary of State to discuss the Government's intentions around devolution;**
 - (b) work with Government and local partners to agree an alternative devolution deal as soon as possible.**
- (3) That further reports are presented to the Authority, as appropriate, as the Devolution process progresses.**