



Forest Heath District Council

Cabinet Decisions Notice (Published: Thursday 1 June 2017)

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on **Tuesday 30 May 2017** and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into operation on Friday 9 June 2017. 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) by **5.00 pm on Thursday 8 June 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. 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/17/026	None	<p><u>The Future of Local Government in West Suffolk</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The changing context for local government in West Suffolk, be noted. Recognition be given to the need to continue to assess whether the current governance structures are the most effective they can be, particularly in regard to future role/challenges 	Both Forest Heath District Council's (FHDC) and St Edmundsbury Borough Council's (SEBC) Cabinets were satisfied that given the issues and challenges facing local government, further work should be undertaken by Officers on the testing of suitable future governance options, which would specifically include the development of a draft business case on the option of a single council for West Suffolk, for presenting to each Council on 13/14 June 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The options for the future of governance in West Suffolk would be explored within the proposed forthcoming report to both FHDC and SEBC Councils. If the Cabinets had decided not to proceed in examining the future 	<p><u>Portfolio Holder:</u> Cllr James Waters Leader of the Council 07771 621038</p> <p><u>Officer:</u> Ian Gallin Chief Executive 01284 757001</p>

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		<p>for communities.</p> <p>3. Further work from Officers be commissioned, to test the option of a single council for West Suffolk against the alternative options outlined in Report No: CAB/FH/17/026, through the production of a business case, for consideration by Council on 14 June 2017.</p> <p>4. The establishment of a Future Governance Member Steering Group be agreed, on the basis set out in Section 4.6 of Report No: CAB/FH/17/026 and the Terms of Reference set out in Appendix A to Report No: CAB/FH/17/026.</p>	<p>The establishment of a 'Future Governance Member Steering Group' had also been approved, as this Group would be tasked with advising and supporting the Leaders of the Councils on the technical requirements involved with moving forward the proposals (subject to approval of the final business case by both Councils in September 2017) and supported the ultimate decision making processes.</p>	<p>arrangements at this time, the opportunity to capitalise on the potential benefits of alternative models would have been missed.</p>	

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