



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Cabinet Decisions Notice

(Published: Thursday 28 September 2017)

The following decision was taken by the Cabinet at an extraordinary meeting on **Tuesday 26 September 2017** and, due to the reasons provided in 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 decision 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/17/046	None	<p><u>A Single Council for West Suffolk - Business Case</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: That:</p> <p>(1) the decision of the Council meeting of 26 September 2017 to submit the business case for a single Council for West Suffolk to the Secretary of State for consideration, as contained in Report No: COU/SE/17/013, be endorsed; and</p> <p>(2) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of</p>	<p>The Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has confirmed that it will not accept the business case for a single Council for West Suffolk unless it is accompanied with an Executive decision; further, failure to do so could increase the risk of challenge.</p> <p>To expedite the Secretary of State's consideration, DCLG has indicated it would be helpful for delegated authority to be given to the making of minor amendments to the business case.</p>	<p>No other options have been considered and rejected as the DCLG has confirmed that it will not accept the business case for a single Council for West Suffolk unless it is accompanied with an Executive decision; further, failure to do so could increase the risk of challenge.</p>	<p><u>Portfolio Holder:</u> Cllr John Griffiths 07958 700434</p> <p><u>Officer:</u> Ian Gallin Chief Executive 01284 757009</p>

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		<p>the Council, to make minor amendments to the business case as requested by the Secretary of State to obtain his support for the proposal.</p> <p><i>(Section 14.4 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules of the Constitution states that:</i></p> <p><i>'A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or public interest.'</i></p> <p><i>This decision is considered to be urgent and in accordance with the aforementioned rules, the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has both agreed that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency, and therefore should be exempt from call-in. This matter has already been reported to Council (see Report No: COU/SE/17/013), together with the reasons for the urgency, which in summary relates to the tight timeframe that is being worked to.)</i></p>			

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