

Forest Heath District Council St Edmundsbury Borough Council

Joint Executive (Cabinet) Committee Decisions Notice (Published: Thursday 26 July 2018)

The following decisions were taken by the Joint Executive (Cabinet) Committee on **Tuesday 24 July 2018** and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into operation on Friday 3 August 2018. This procedure does not however, apply to decisions that have been recommended to either Forest Heath District Council (FHDC) or St Edmundsbury Borough Council (SEBC) respectively for a final decision (and which are also indicated within the decisions below). An executive committee decision may be called in, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules contained within Part 4 of each Council's Constitutions, 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 2 August 2018.**

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 or firstname.surname@forest-heath.gov.uk Contact may also be made via Democratic Services, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk, IP33 3YU

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Item No. 7 CAB/JT/18/017	Cllr Andy Drummond – Local non-pecuniary interest as member of Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee.	<u>Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan: Pre-Submission Consultation</u> RESOLVED: That: (1) the content of the Pre-Submission Consultation Draft Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan as attached at Appendix A to Report No: CAB/JT/18/017, be noted; and (2) the Planning Policy response to the Pre-Submission Consultation Draft Newmarket Neighbourhood	The Cabinets are satisfied that the Planning Policy and Corporate responses to the Pre-Submission Consultation Draft Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan (NNP) should form the basis of a submission to Newmarket Town Council (NTC). Whilst significant progress has been made by NTC in refining the NNP, concerns have been raised by officers regarding policy content, wording, mapping and whether some of the policies and proposals are based on robust evidence that would stand the test of Examination. Whilst it is	No other options have been considered or rejected as it is a statutory duty for the Local Planning Authority to provide advice and assistance to the body producing a neighbourhood plan.	<u>Portfolio Holder:</u> FHDC Cllr Lance Stanbury 07970 947704 <u>Officer:</u> Marie Smith Service Manager (Strategic Planning) 01638 719260

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		<p>Plan, as attached at Appendix B and the Corporate Response at Appendix C to Report No: CAB/JT/18/017, be endorsed to form the basis of a submission to Newmarket Town Council. The approval of the final wording be delegated to the Assistant Director (Growth) and the Service Manager (Strategic Planning).</p>	<p>acknowledged that a significant amount of work has been undertaken to reach this point which is commended, these concerns are considered appropriate and have been endorsed by the Cabinets.</p>		
<p>Item No. 8 CAB/JT/18/018 and Addendum to CAB/JT/18/018</p>	<p>None</p>	<p><u>Single Council Preparations: Approval to Consult on Harmonised Regulation and Licensing Policies</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: That:</p> <p>(1) the proposed approach for consultation on the following policies, as set out in Report No: CAB/JT/18/018, be agreed:</p> <p>(a) Taxi policy (b) Street Trading and Vending policy (c) Enforcement policy; and</p> <p>(2) the FHDC Portfolio Holder for Planning and Growth be asked to take decisions on undertaking the following consultations under their existing delegated authority:</p> <p>(a) Statement of Licensing Policy; and</p>	<p>The Cabinets acknowledge the requirement to harmonise existing Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council licensing and regulation policies in preparation for the creation of West Suffolk Council from 1 April 2019. The proposed approach for consulting on three specific policies as set out in Report No: CAB/JT/18/018, is considered acceptable in order to achieve the aim of policy harmonisation. An addendum to Report No: CAB/JT/18/018 provided further information on exploring the scope for retaining existing hackney carriage licensing zones; however, whilst a different approach has been agreed, this has not affected the Cabinets' decision to still undertake the original consultation process on taxi policy transition options, as reflected in the decisions made.</p>	<p>The options for policy harmonisation provided in Report No: CAB/JT/18/018, and the additional options provided in paragraph 1.7 of the addendum to Report No: CAB/JT/18/018, will be consulted upon. The responses received will inform the decision making process for new harmonised policies.</p>	<p><u>Portfolio Holders:</u> SEBC Cllr Alaric Pugh 07930 460899</p> <p>FHDC Cllr Lance Stanbury 07970 947704</p> <p><u>Officer:</u> David Collinson Assistant Director (Planning and Regulatory Services) 01284 757306</p>

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		<p>(b) Newmarket Cumulative Impact Area.</p> <p>In addition, and following the consideration of an addendum to the original Report No: CAB/JT/18/018, which necessitated consideration of issues relating to exploring the scope for retaining existing Hackney Carriage licensing zones, the following decisions have also been made to clarify the process that will be undertaken:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That:</p> <p>(3) it be noted that officers are exploring the necessity to combine the hackney carriage licensing areas of Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury for the new single West Suffolk Council;</p> <p>(4) it be noted that, as resolved in (1) above, the recommendation set out in the original Report No: CAB/JT/18/018, which seeks to undertake consultation on taxi policy transition options, continues as proposed; and</p> <p>(5) the current approach for the taxi policy transition consultation, as outlined in paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 of the Addendum to Report No: CAB/JT/18/018, be agreed.</p>			

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Item No. 10 CAB/JT/18/021	None	<p><u>Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury Revenues Collection Performance and Write-Offs</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: That the write-off of the amounts detailed in the exempt appendices to Report No: CAB/JT/18/021, be approved, as follows:</p> <p>(1) Exempt Appendix 1: FHDC Council Tax totalling £9,602.00</p> <p>(2) Exempt Appendix 2: SEBC Council Tax totalling £29,404.88</p> <p>(3) Exempt Appendix 3: FHDC Business Rates totalling £56,255.40</p> <p>(4) Exempt Appendix 4: SEBC Business Rates totalling £41,225.83</p> <p>(5) Exempt Appendix 5: SEBC Sundry Debt totalling £2,917.08</p> <p><i>(This decision was stated as a Key Decision on FHDC and SEBC Decisions Plans published on 22 June 2018; however, given the amounts requested to be written-off, this no longer constitutes a Key Decision.)</i></p>	The total amounts detailed in the decision has been written-off. Detailed reasons for the decisions are included in Exempt Appendices 1 to 5 to Report No: CAB/JT/18/021.	The West Suffolk Councils currently use the services of the ARP Enforcement Agency to assist in the collection of business rates and also has online tracing facilities. It is not considered appropriate to pass the debt onto another agency. In the event that a written-off debt becomes recoverable, the amount is written back on and enforcement procedures are re-established.	<p><u>Portfolio Holders:</u> FHDC Cllr Stephen Edwards 07904 389982</p> <p>SEBC Cllr Ian Houlder 07970 729435</p> <p><u>Officer:</u> Rachael Mann Assistant Director (Resources and Performance) 01638 719245</p>

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