

# West Suffolk Council

## Cabinet Decisions Notice

(Published: Thursday 10 October 2019)

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on **Tuesday 8 October 2019** and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into operation on Friday 18 October 2019. This procedure does not however, apply to decisions that have been recommended to Council for a final decision (and which are also indicated within the decisions below). 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](mailto:democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk)) **by 5.00 pm on Thursday 17 October 2019**.

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](mailto: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@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:firstname.surname@westsuffolk.gov.uk) Contact may also be made via Democratic Services, West Suffolk Council, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk, IP33 3YU, or College Heath Road, Mildenhall, IP28 7EY

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Agenda Item 6  Report No: CAB/WS/19/035	None	<p><u>Recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 2 September 2019 - West Suffolk Homelessness Reduction and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2018-2023</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: That:</p> <p>(1) the revised West Suffolk Homelessness Reduction and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2018-2023 (Appendix 1 to Report No: CAB/WS/19/035), be approved;</p> <p>(2) the performance of the Housing Options and Homelessness Team in the evidence base (Appendix A to Report No: CAB/WS/19/035), be noted;</p>	<p>The Cabinet acknowledges the changes that have been made in response to new duties and requirements being placed on local authorities. Whilst the Council’s previously adopted Homelessness Reduction Strategy (approved in June 2018) included actions to reduce rough sleeping, the document has been updated to reflect the new duty being placed on local authorities to adopt a rough sleeping strategy. The Cabinet has agreed that it is prudent to reflect the Council’s commitment to tackling rough sleeping in the Strategy agreed in 2018.</p> <p>In addition, local authorities now</p>	<p>The alternative option is to continue with the Homelessness Reduction Strategy in its original form. However, not incorporating rough sleeping in the way the Council has means that it would not be consistent with the requirements of Central Government’s Rough Sleeping Strategy.</p>	<p><u>Portfolio Holder:</u> Cllr Sara Mildmay-White 01359 270580</p> <p><u>Officer:</u> Davina Howes Assistant Director (Families and Communities) 01284 757070</p>

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		<p>(3) progress made against the Homelessness Reduction and Rough Sleeping Strategy delivery plan (Appendix B to Report No: CAB/WS/19/035), be noted; and</p> <p>(4) the new West Suffolk Temporary Accommodation Procurement and Placement Policy (Appendix C to Report No: CAB/WS/19/035), be approved.</p>	<p>have a duty to adopt a Temporary Accommodation Procurement Policy, which requests that local authorities formally state that they should be looking in advance at their temporary accommodation needs, which West Suffolk was already doing within non-adopted documentation. West Suffolk also has in place an existing Temporary Accommodation Allocations Policy that sets out how the Council will place households in temporary accommodation. The Cabinet supports the approach to take both of these policies and create one Temporary Accommodation Procurement and Placement Policy.</p>		
<p>Agenda Item 8</p> <p>Report No: CAB/WS/19/037</p>	<p>None</p>	<p><u>West Suffolk Asset Management Strategy and Plan</u></p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED to COUNCIL</u></p> <p>That:</p> <p>(1) the West Suffolk Asset Management Strategy attached at Appendix A to Report No: CAB/WS/19/037, be approved; and</p> <p>(2) the delegations for property acquisitions as outlined in the Asset Management Plan attached at Appendix B, be</p>	<p>The Cabinet supports recommending to Council, approval of the overall strategic approach to land and property assets as it's context satisfactorily links in with the Council's overall policy framework.</p> <p>The Asset Management Plan is also considered to satisfactorily address how the strategic approach will be applied through the Plan's division into nine categories. Each asset category is described in the Plan; how the asset types will deliver the Council's strategic priorities; and the strategic approach for each</p>	<p>The Council has undertaken, through its Strategic Framework, to put in place an Asset Management Plan. This plan has been produced in extensive consultation with the Services across the Council to ensure that it is fully joined-up with existing policies and identifies how assets will help to deliver</p>	<p><u>Portfolio Holders:</u> Cllr Susan Glossop Portfolio Holder for Growth 01284 728377</p> <p>Cllr Peter Stevens Portfolio Holder for Operations 01787 280284</p> <p><u>Officers:</u> Julie Baird Assistant</p>

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		<p>approved and funded through the Investing in Growth Fund to be brought in line with those for non-property transactions from the same fund, as set out in Section 2.4 of Report No: CAB/WS/19/037.</p>	<p>asset category. Details of Acquisitions, Estate Management and Disposals are also contained in the Plan and these set out the actions for each asset category under each these aforementioned headings.</p> <p>The Cabinet has also recommended appropriate delegations to be put in place for property and asset transactions made from the Investing in Growth Fund, which will align with those approved for other investments made utilising the Investing in Growth Fund.</p>	<p>Service need.</p> <p>The alternative option would be not to have an Asset Management Strategy and Plan in place. This would mean that any opportunities would be assessed on an individual basis and not necessarily linked to a given wider strategic objective.</p> <p>Furthermore, in not having an integrated approach, opportunities will be missed in undertaking essential maintenance and improvements when an asset becomes vacant on expiry of a lease. A planned scheme of works on known upcoming vacant sites allows us to plan resources to undertake the refurbishment, minimises disturbance to other</p>	<p>Director (Growth) 01284 757613</p> <p>Mark Walsh Assistant Director (Operations) 01284 757300</p>

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				tenants, and market the unit for lease at a higher rent.	

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10 October 2019