

West Suffolk Council

Cabinet Decisions Notice

(Published: Thursday 22 July 2021)

The following decisions were taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday 20 July 2021 and, if not called in by councillors, will come into operation on Friday 30 July 2021. 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 29 July 2021. Should you have a query regarding any of the decisions taken, contact should be made with the named officer in the first instance, the relevant portfolio holder or via Democratic Services, West Suffolk Council, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk, IP33 3YU.

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Item 7 CAB/WS/21/031	None	<p>Draft West Suffolk Annual Report 2020-21</p> <p>Resolved: That the draft West Suffolk Annual Report 2020-21 be approved.</p>	<p>The draft West Suffolk Annual Report highlighted the key activities and developments that had been achieved over the financial year 2020-21, with regards to the priorities set out in the West Suffolk Strategic Framework 2020-2024. The Report also included the Council's activities to support local communities and businesses in response to and recovery from COVID-19.</p>	<p>The alternative option was not to produce an Annual Report. However, it was good practice for councils to report on progress against their priorities in this way and ensured transparency on how they</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder: John Griffiths 01284 757136</p> <p>Officer: Ian Gallin Chief Executive 01284 757001</p>

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			<p>The Council was continuing its approach, as taken with the 2019/20 Annual Report, by producing a shorter document using infographics, as opposed to the full written report. Feedback had suggested that these infographics provided a strong and easily digestible summary of the Council's work over the previous 12 months and could be used in a number of ways, including briefing materials and social media.</p> <p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had also considered the Annual Report on 8 July 2021 and their recommended amendments were set out in paragraph 1.4 of Report number CAB/WS/21/031.</p>	<p>spent public money. The Annual Report also reflected the excellent work which had been delivered across West Suffolk during a challenging period.</p>	

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Item 8 CAB/WS/21/032	None	<p>Environment and Climate Change Action Plans: 2021 Update</p> <p>Resolved That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed actions and activities in the Environment and Climate Change Actions Plans be approved, as set out in Appendix A to Report number CAB/WS/21/032. 2. Future progress updates be provided as part of the Annual Environmental Statement, which formed part of the Council's Annual Report. 3. The full Environmental Statement for the Council's 2020/21 performance be approved, as set out in Appendix B to Report number CAB/WS/21/032. 4. The Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan be 	<p>In September 2019, the Council declared a climate emergency, having already established the Environment and Climate Change Taskforce. The aim of the Taskforce was to make recommendations on the Council's future role in protecting and enhancing the environment, both in the way in which it carried out its operations and through specific initiatives.</p> <p>In July 2020, the Cabinet also agreed an Action Plan, designed to implement the recommendations of the Taskforce and to be taken forward by Officers and overseen by Cabinet. Cabinet also agreed to a review of progress against the actions.</p> <p>The report updated the Cabinet on progress in implementing the agreed actions from both reports and</p>	<p>The Council had committed to work to achieve net-zero by 2030. This plan would continue to evolve as new technology and innovations developed to support this goal. At this stage, no alternative options had been considered.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder: John Griffiths 01284 757136</p> <p>Lead Officer: Jill Korwin Strategic Director 01284 757252</p>

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		endorsed, as set out in Appendix C to Report Number CAB/WS/21/032.	<p>summarised some of the wider developments that had effects upon the Council's work in lowering carbon emissions and improving environmental impacts across the organisation. It also included the full Environmental Statement, an annual summary of the Council's performance in regard to the environment and climate change. Finally, it referenced the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan that had been approved by the Suffolk Public Sector Leaders.</p> <p>It was also noted that to accelerate delivery further, investment into specific schemes and projects would be required and this would be the matter of separate business cases.</p>		

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 22 July 2021