

## Decisions Plan

### **Key decisions and other executive decisions to be considered**

**Date: 1 November 2022 to 31 May 2023**

**Publication date: 7 October 2022**

The following plan shows both the key decisions and other decisions/matters taken in private, that the Cabinet, portfolio holders, joint committees or officers under delegated authority, are intending to take up to 31 May 2023. This table is updated on a monthly rolling basis and provides at least 28 clear days' notice of the consideration of any key decisions and of the taking of any items in private.

Executive decisions are taken at public meetings of the Cabinet and by other bodies/individuals provided with executive decision-making powers. Some decisions and items may be taken in private during the parts of the meeting at which the public may be excluded, when it is likely that confidential or exempt information may be disclosed. This is indicated on the relevant meeting agenda and in the 'Reason for taking the item in private' column relevant to each item detailed on the plan.

Members of the public may wish to:

- make enquiries in respect of any of the intended decisions listed below; or
- receive copies of any of the documents in the public domain listed below; or
- receive copies of any other documents in the public domain relevant to those matters listed below which may be submitted to the decision taker; or
- make representations in relation to why meetings to consider the listed items intended for consideration in private should be open to the public.

In all instances, 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) or via West Suffolk Council, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 3YU or Mildenhall Hub, Sheldrick Way, Mildenhall, Suffolk IP28 7JX.

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Not before 20/09/22	<p><b>Red Lodge North Masterplan</b> The Portfolio Holder for Planning will be asked to consider approving a new masterplan for a site north of Red Lodge, which has been subject to public consultation.</p>	Not applicable	PH (D)	Portfolio Holder for Planning	David Roach Planning 07889 510003	Julie Baird Director (Planning and Growth) 01284 757613	Report to Portfolio Holder for Planning, with draft masterplan attached.
	<p><b>Western Way Development</b> As on previous occasions, the Cabinet has agreed to waive its right to receive the project update on the Western Way Development. This item has therefore</p>				Joanna Rayner Leisure, Culture and Community Hubs 01284 750366	Alex Wilson Strategic Director 01284 757695	

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	been removed from the Decisions Plan as the matter will be presented directly to Council for a decision on 22 November 2022.						
08/11/22  (first published 22/04/22)	<p><b>Sunnica Energy Farm Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP): West Suffolk Council's Written Representation</b></p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider and approve the Council's Written Representation submission response in connection with the</p>	Not applicable	(KD) (e)(i)	Cabinet	David Roach Planning 07889 510003	<p>Julie Baird Director (Planning and Growth) 01284 757613</p> <p>Julie Barrow Principal Planning Officer 01284 757621</p>	Report to Cabinet with draft Written Representation attached.

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	Sunnica Energy Farm proposals.						
08/11/22  (deferred from 20/09/22)	<b>Land to West of Mildenhall Masterplan</b> The Cabinet will be asked to consider approving the adoption of a new masterplan for land west of Mildenhall, which has been subject to public consultation.	Not applicable	(KD) (e)(i)	Cabinet	David Roach Planning 07889 510003	Julie Baird Director (Planning and Growth) 01284 757613	Report to Cabinet, with masterplan attached.
08/11/22  (new)	<b>Street Lighting in West Suffolk</b> The Cabinet will be asked to consider the outcomes of engagement with the	Not applicable	(KD) (e)(i)	Cabinet	Carol Bull Governance 01953 681513	Alex Wilson Strategic Director 01284 757695	Report to Cabinet.

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	County Council and town and parish councils in respect of the ownership and future management of street lighting within the district, including the links between this topic and the Council's wider review of its relationship with town and parish councils.						
08/11/22  (UKSPF element deferred from 18/10/22)	<b>UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and Rural England Prosperity Fund</b> The Cabinet will be asked to consider proposals for the	Not applicable	(KD) (a)(e)	Cabinet	John Griffiths Leader of the Council 01284 757001  Sarah Broughton Resources and	Ian Gallin Chief Executive 01284 757001	Report to Cabinet with appendices attached.

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	implementation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund allocations for 2022 to 2024, together with the draft submission to Government for an allocation from the Rural England Prosperity Fund				Property 07929 305787		
08/11/22  (new)	<b>Review of Statement of Licensing Policy</b> As required by law, the Cabinet will be asked to recommend to Council, approval of a revised Statement of Licensing Policy following consultation, prior to the current	Not applicable	(R) – Council 13/12/22	Cabinet/ Council	Andy Drummond Regulatory and Environment 07710 027343	Jen Eves Director (HR, Governance and Regulatory) 01284 757015	Report to Cabinet with recommendations to Council and revised policy attached.

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	policy's expiration in December 2022.						
08/11/22	<p><b>Council Tax Base for Tax Setting Purposes 2023 to 2024</b></p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to recommend to Council the basis of the formal calculation for the Council Tax Base for West Suffolk Council for the financial year 2023 to 2024.</p>	Not applicable	(R) – Council 13/12/22	Cabinet/ Council	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Report to Cabinet with recommendations to Council.
06/12/22  (deferred from	<p><b>Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2023 to 2024</b></p> <p>The Cabinet will be</p>	Not applicable	(R) – Council 13/12/22	Cabinet/ Council	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property)	Report to Cabinet with recommendations to Council.

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08/11/22)	asked to consider proposals for potential revisions to the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme prior to seeking its approval by Council.				07929 305787	01638 719245	
06/12/22	<p><b>Delivering a Sustainable Medium-Term Budget</b></p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee for recommending to Council on proposals for achieving a sustainable budget in</p>	Not applicable	(R) – Council 13/12/22	Cabinet/ Council	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet and Council.



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	2023 to 2024 and in the medium term.						
06/12/22	<b>Treasury Management Report – September 2022</b> The Cabinet will be asked to consider the recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee regarding seeking approval for the financial resilience activities between 1 April 2022 and 30 September 2022.	Not applicable	(R) – Council 13/12/22	Cabinet/ Council	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet and Council.
06/12/22	<b>Revenues Collection Performance and Write Offs</b>	Exempt appendices: paragraphs 1	(KD) (a)	Cabinet	Sarah Broughton Resources and	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and	Report to Cabinet with exempt appendices

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	The Cabinet will be asked to consider writing-off outstanding debts, as detailed in the exempt appendices.	and 2			Property 07929 305787	Property) 01638 719245	attached.
07/02/23	<b>Community Chest and Theatre Royal Grants 2023 to 2024</b> The Cabinet will be asked to consider the recommendations of the West Suffolk Grant Working Party in respect of the levels of funding (if any) to be awarded to applicants to the Community Chest funding scheme	Not applicable	(KD) (a); however, some funding allocations may be subject to the budget setting process.	Cabinet	Robert Everitt Families and Communities 01284 769000  Joanna Rayner Leisure, Culture and Community Hubs (for Theatre Royal core funding grant	Davina Howes Director (Families and Communities) 01284 757070  Alex Wilson Strategic Director (for Theatre Royal core funding grant only)	Recommendations of the West Suffolk Grant Working Party, and a separate recommendation regarding the granting of core funding to the Theatre Royal, to Cabinet.

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	<p>for 2023 to 2024 and in some cases, 2024 to 2025.</p> <p>The report containing the above recommendations will also include separate consideration of a core funding grant to the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds for 2023 to 2024.</p>				only) 07872 456836	01284 757695	
07/02/23	<p><b>Delivering a Sustainable Medium-Term Budget</b></p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider recommendations of the Performance and</p>	Not applicable	(R) – Council 21/02/23  Unless separate proposals are	Cabinet/ Council	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet and Council.

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	Audit Scrutiny Committee for recommending to Council on proposals for achieving a sustainable budget in 2023 to 2024 and in the medium term.		recommended by Cabinet, consideration by Council will take place as part of the budget setting paper on 21/02/23				
07/02/23	<p><b>Budget and Council Tax Setting 2023 to 2024 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023 to 2027</b></p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider the proposals for the 2023</p>	Not applicable	(R) – Council 21/02/23	Cabinet/ Council	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Report to Cabinet with recommendations to Council.

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	to 2024 budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023 to 2027 for West Suffolk Council, prior to its approval by Council. This report includes the Minimum Revenues Provision (MRP) Policy and Prudential Indicators.						
07/02/23	<b>Financial Resilience - Strategy Statement 2023 to 2024 and Treasury Management Code of Practice</b> The Cabinet will be asked to recommend to Council, approval of	Not applicable	(R) – Council 21/02/23	Cabinet/ Council	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet and Council.

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	the Strategy Statement 2023 to 2024 and Treasury Management Code of Practice for West Suffolk Council, which must be undertaken before the start of each financial year.						
07/02/23	<b>Treasury Management Report – December 2022</b> The Cabinet will be asked to consider the recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee regarding seeking approval for the financial resilience	Not applicable	(R) – Council 21/02/23	Cabinet/ Council	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet and Council.

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	activities between 1 April 2022 and 31 December 2022.						
14/03/23	<p><b>Revenues Collection Performance and Write Offs</b></p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider writing-off outstanding debts, as detailed in the exempt appendices.</p>	Exempt appendices: paragraphs 1 and 2	(KD) (a)	Cabinet	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Report to Cabinet with exempt appendices attached.

## **Note 1: Definition of exempt information and relevant paragraphs of the Local Government Act 1972**

### **In accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)**

The public may be excluded from all or part of the meeting during the consideration of items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, as follows:

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes –
  - a. to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
  - b. to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

### **In accordance with Section 100A(3) (a) and (b) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)**

Confidential information is also not for public access, but the difference between this and exempt information is that a Government department, legal opinion or the court has prohibited its disclosure in the public domain. Should confidential information require consideration in private, this will be detailed in this Decisions Plan.



## **Note 2: Key decision definition**

A key decision is an executive decision that either:

- a. Results in new expenditure, or a reduced income or savings of more than £100k in any one year that has not otherwise been included in the Council's revenue or capital budgets.
- b. Comprises or includes the making, approval or publication of a draft or final scheme, which is not a routine business decision, that may require, either directly or in the event of objections, the approval of a Minister of the Crown.
- c. Results in the formation of a new company, limited liability partnership or joint venture.
- d. Has a potentially detrimental impact on communities outside of West Suffolk District.
- e. Is a decision that is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in a definable local community in the District, or on one or more wards, in that it will:
  - i. Have a long-term, lasting impact on that community; or
  - ii. Restrict the ability of individual businesses or residents in that area to undertake particular activities; or
  - iii. Removes the provision of a service or facility for that community; or
  - iv. Increases the charges payable by members of the community to provide a service or facility by more than 5%; or
  - v. Have the potential to create significant local controversy or reputational damage to the Council
- f. A matter that the decision maker considers to be a key decision.
- g. Any matters that fall under the scope of e. above must be subject to consultation with the local Member(s) in Wards that are likely to be impacted by the decision prior to the decision being made.

### **Note 3: Membership of bodies making key decisions**

#### **a. Membership of West Suffolk Council's Cabinet and their portfolios**

<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>
John Griffiths	Leader of the Council
Sarah Broughton	Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Resources and Property
Jo Rayner	Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Community Hubs
Carol Bull	Portfolio Holder for Governance
Andy Drummond	Portfolio Holder for Regulatory and Environment
Robert Everitt	Portfolio Holder for Families and Communities
Susan Glossop	Portfolio Holder for Growth
Sara Mildmay-White	Housing and Strategic Health
David Roach	Portfolio Holder for Planning
Peter Stevens	Portfolio Holder for Operations

**b. Membership of the Anglia Revenues Partnership Joint Committee (made up of Breckland Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, East Suffolk Council, Fenland District Council and West Suffolk Council)**

<b>Member Council</b>	<b>Full representative</b>	<b>Substitute representative</b>
Breckland	Philip Cowen	Sam Chapman-Allen and Paul Claussen
East Cambridgeshire	David Ambrose-Smith	David Brown and Joshua Schumann
East Suffolk	Maurice Cook	To be confirmed
Fenland	Jan French	David Connor and Kim French
West Suffolk	Sarah Broughton	Sara Mildmay-White

Jennifer Eves  
Director (Human Resources, Governance and Regulatory)  
Date: 7 October 2022