

# Cabinet



Forest Heath  
District Council

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 12 November 2015</b>	
<b>Report No:</b>	<b>CAB/FH/15/061</b>	
<b>Report to and date:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>	22 December 2015
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<b>Purpose of report:</b>	On 12 November 2015, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following reports:  (1) Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Operations;  (2) Directed Surveillance Authorised Applications (Quarter 2);  (3) Decisions Plan: November 2015 to May 2016; and  (4) Work Programme Update.	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>The Cabinet is requested to <u>NOTE</u> the contents of Report CAB/FH/15/061, being the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</b>	
<b>Key Decision:</b>  <i>(Check the appropriate box and delete all those that <b>do not</b> apply.)</i>	<i>Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition?</i> Yes, it is a Key Decision - <input type="checkbox"/> No, it is not a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

<b>Consultation:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See reports listed in Section 2 below.</li> </ul>
<b>Alternative option(s):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See reports listed in Section 2 below</li> </ul>
<b>Implications:</b>	
<i>Are there any <b>financial</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please see background papers.
<i>Are there any <b>staffing</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please see background papers.
<i>Are there any <b>ICT</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please see background papers
<i>Are there any <b>legal and/or policy</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please see background papers.
<i>Are there any <b>equality</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please see background papers.
<b>Risk/opportunity assessment:</b>	Please see background papers.
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	Please see background papers.
<b>Background papers:</b>	Please see background papers, which are listed at the end of the report.
<b>Documents attached:</b>	None

## 1. Key issues and reasons for recommendation

### 1.1 Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Operations (Report No: OAS/FH/15/013 and Verbal)

- 1.1.1 As set out in the Council's Constitution, at every ordinary Overview and Scrutiny meeting at least one Cabinet Member shall be invited to attend to give an account of his or her portfolio and to answer questions from the Committee.
- 1.1.2 Report OAS/FH/15/013 set out the overall responsibilities of the Cabinet Member of Operations who had been invited to the meeting to discuss his portfolio.
- 1.1.3 The Committee discussed the presentation and asked a number of questions of the Cabinet member to which comprehensive responses were provided. In particular discussions were held on:
- (1) Bartec – Members were advised that the Bartec in-cab technology would help in the management of the brown bins. It would show who had subscribed to the service and generate bills etc.
  - (2) Car Parking Strategy – Members were advised that a new Car Parking Strategy was progressing and would be presented to Cabinet in due course. The Strategy would include capacity; how to manage existing car parks and a number of options for Newmarket, such as signage; free overnight parking and utilising spare capacity in pocket car parks.
  - (3) CCTV – Officers were looking into the ability of having mobile CCTV cameras which could be deployed at special events such as the Christmas Market.
  - (4) Depot Road, Newmarket – Open Door who managed the site had closed the recycling centre due to rising disposal costs and declining recycle income. The charity was no longer able to operate in the current format. Officers advised that Suffolk County Council were in discussions with the charity to seek a way for the household waste site to be reopened.
  - (5) Income generation – Officers were looking into various opportunities to generate income, such as providing major cleansing operations using heavy equipment.
- 1.1.4 There being no decision required, the Committee **noted** the contents of the presentation.

### 1.2 Directed Surveillance Authorised Applications – Quarter 2

- 1.2.1 The Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) Order 2010 requires that Members should scrutinise the authority's use of its surveillance powers on a quarterly basis.
- 1.2.2 The Monitoring Officer had advised that in Quarter 2 no such surveillance had been authorised.

1.3 **Decisions Plan: November 2015 to May 2016 (Report No: OAS/FH/15/014)**

1.3.1 The Committee considered the latest Decisions Plan, covering the period November 2015 to May 2016

1.3.2 The Committee considered the Decisions Plan and discussed the Core Strategy Single Issue Review, which was scheduled to be presented to Cabinet on 1 March 2016. The Chairman suggested having a short presentation on the Core Strategy Single Issue Review setting out what it was; the options and how it would be presented to the public.

1.3.1 The Committee **RESOLVED** that it receives a short presentation on the Core Strategy Single Issue Review setting out what it was; the options and how it would be presented to the public.

1.4 **Work Programme Update (Report No: OAS/FH/15/015)**

1.4.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees has a rolling work programme, whereby suggestions for scrutiny reviews are brought to each meeting, and if accepted, are timetabled to report to a future meeting. The work programme also leaves space for Call-ins and Councillor Calls for Action.

1.4.2 The Committee considered the rolling work programme and **noted** the annual items expected to be presented to the Committee during 2016.

**2. Background Papers**

2.1.1 [Report No: OAS/FH/14/013](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Operations

2.1.2 [Report No: OAS/FH/15/014](#) & [Appendix 1](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Decisions Plan November 2015 to May 2016

2.1.3 [Report No: OAS/FH/15/015](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Work Programme Update