

Cabinet



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Title of Report:	Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 13 January 2016	
Report No:	CAB/SE/16/001	
Report to and date:	Cabinet	9 February 2016
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Purpose of report:	On 13 January 2016, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following items: (1) Presentation by the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture; (2) Skyliner Way, Bury St Edmunds (Verbal Report); (3) Directed Surveillance Authorised Applications (Quarter 3); and (4) Work Programme Update.	
Recommendation:	The Cabinet is requested to <u>NOTE</u> the contents of Report CAB/SE/16/001, being the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	
Key Decision: <i>(Check the appropriate box and delete all those that do not 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"/> Report for information only.	

Consultation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Reports listed under background papers below 		
Alternative option(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Reports listed under background papers below 		
Implications:			
Are there any financial implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Reports listed under background papers below 	
Are there any staffing implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Reports listed under background papers below 	
Are there any ICT implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Reports listed under background papers below 	
Are there any legal and/or policy implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Reports listed under background papers below 	
Are there any equality implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Reports listed under background papers below 	
Risk/opportunity assessment:		<i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>	
Risk area	Inherent level of risk (before controls)	Controls	Residual risk (after controls)
See Reports listed under background papers below			
Ward(s) affected:		All Wards	
Background papers:		Please see background papers, which are listed at the end of the report.	
Documents attached:		None	

1. Key issues and reasons for recommendation

1.1 Presentation by the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture (Report No: OAS/SE/16/001 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 No: OAS/SE/16/001 set out the overall responsibilities of Councillor Joanna Rayner, the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture who had been invited to the meeting to discuss her portfolio.
- 1.1.3 The Committee discussed the presentation and asked a number of questions of Councillor Rayner to which comprehensive responses were provided. In particular discussions were held on:
- (1) **Proms in Park** – Officers agreed to look into ways of overcoming a number of barriers such as the control of noise; security of event area boundaries and funding.
 - (2) **Play equipment** – Officers agreed to circulate the list of Council owned play sites and the current projected schedule of renewals.
 - (3) **Bury St Edmunds swimming pool** – The Council had commissioned an assessment of all indoor and playing pitch facilities and the findings of this assessment would be considered at the West Suffolk Growth Steering Group in February 2016.
 - (4) **The Apex** – It was acknowledged this was a popular venue and was gaining momentum. Officers confirmed that the subsidy was being reduced year on year.
 - (5) **Queen's Birthday** – The Council was looking at a number of events, which were in the early stages to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday in 2016 which the Committee supported.
 - (6) **Haverhill Arts Centre** – Officers advised that there were no plans from the Borough Council to create a museum in Haverhill, but the heritage service would work with any local organisations as appropriate.
- 1.1.4 There being no decision required, the Committee **noted** the contents of the presentation.

1.2 Skyliner Way, Bury St Edmunds – Verbal Update

- 1.2.1 The Committee received a verbal update which advised Members on the unsuccessful bid application to the Highway Authority's On-Street Parking Account for £25,000 to implement verge parking in Skyliner Way, Bury St Edmunds.
- 1.2.2 The Committee was disappointed that the bid application had not been

successful. Members scrutinised the verbal update and felt this needed to be looked at again and queried whether the application could be re-submitted. The Eastern Relief Road would become a major route into Bury St Edmunds and the Committee felt Suffolk County Council as Highway Authority needed to do something now rather than in the future.

1.2.3 The Committee **RECOMMENDS that the Head of Planning and Growth be asked to write a report on how the bid process worked; when the next bid process was open; and what alternative options were available to be presented to the Committee at its April 2016 meeting.**

1.2.4 The above recommendation is required to be **noted** by the Cabinet.

1.3 **Directed Surveillance Authorised Applications (Quarter 3) (Verbal)**

1.3.1 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. In June 2010 it was agreed that this requirement should be fulfilled by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

1.3.2 The Monitoring Officer had advised that in Quarter 3 no such surveillance had been authorised.

1.4 **Work Programme Update (Report No: OAS/SE/16/002)**

1.4.1 The Committee received Report No: OAS/SE/16/002, which provided an update on the current status of the Committee's Work Programme and the Task and Finish Groups appointed by the Committee.

1.4.2 The Committee was advised that the Police and Crime Commissioner had been invited to its March meeting to give a presentation on the Suffolk Local Policing Review and to answer any questions. An invitation would be sent to all Members inviting them to the Committee meeting on 9 March 2016.

1.4.3 Following the sudden passing of Councillor Tim Marks, the Chairman sought nominations from Members to sit on the Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny Committee as the Borough Council's representative. The Committee considered the nomination to the Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny Committee, and with only one nomination received, **RECOMMENDS that full Council be asked to confirm the appointment of Councillor Paul Hopfensperger as the Borough Council's nominated representative on the Suffolk Health Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of 2015-2016.**

1.4.4 The above recommendation is required to be **noted** by the Cabinet.

2. **Background Papers**

2.1.1 Report No: [OAS/SE/16/001](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Cultural Services

2.1.2 Report No: [OAS/SE/16/002](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Work Programme Update