



# Forest Heath District Council

**Report No: CAB/FH/16/047**

## **Decisions Plan**

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

**Date: 1 October 2016 to 31 May 2017**

**Publication Date: 26 September 2016**

The following plan shows both the key decisions and other decisions/matters taken in private, that the Cabinet, Joint Committees or Officers under delegated authority, are intending to take up to 31 May 2017. 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 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;
- receive copies of any of the documents in the public domain listed below;
- 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 Forest Heath District Council, District Offices, College Heath Road, Mildenhall, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP28 7EY.

<b>Expected Decision Date</b>	<b>Subject and Purpose of Decision</b>	<b>Reason for taking item in private (see Note 1 for relevant exempt paragraphs)</b>	<b>Decision (D), Key Decision (KD) or Rec (R) to Council on date</b>  <b>(see Note 2 for Key Decision definitions)</b>	<b>Decision Taker (see Note 3 for membership)</b>	<b>Portfolio Holder Contact Details</b>	<b>Lead Officer Contact Details</b>	<b>Wards Affected</b>	<b>Documents to be submitted</b>
25/10/16	<b>Revenues Collection and Performance Write-Offs</b>  The Cabinet will be asked to consider writing-off outstanding debts detailed in the exempt Appendices.	Paragraphs 1, 2	(KD)	Cabinet	Stephen Edwards Resources and Performance 01638 660518	Rachael Mann Head of Resources and Performance 01638 719245	All Wards	Report to Cabinet, with exempt appendices
25/10/16	<b>Delivering a Sustainable Budget 2017/2018</b>  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 2017/2018.	Not applicable	(R) - Council 21/12/16	Cabinet/ Council	Stephen Edwards Resources and Performance 01638 660518	Rachael Mann Head of Resources and Performance 01638 719245	All Wards	Recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet and Council
<i>Deferred from 25/10/16 (Date tbc)</i>	<b>Forest Heath Local Plan</b>  The Cabinet will be asked to approve the Forest Heath Core Strategy Single Issue Review (Regulation 19) and the	Not applicable	(D)	Cabinet	Lance Stanbury Planning and Growth 07970 947704	Steven Wood Head of Planning and Growth 01284 757306	All Wards	Recommendations from the Local Plan Working Group to Cabinet

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	Site Allocations Local Plan submission drafts for public consultation.							
<i>Deferred from 25/10/16</i>  <i>(Date tbc)</i>	<p><b>West Suffolk Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA)</b></p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider the adoption of the results of the GTAA undertaken on behalf of the Council, by Opinion Research Services (OPS) which provides a robust and credible evidence base which can be used to aid the implementation of Development Plan policies and the provision of new Gypsy and Traveller pitches and Travelling Showpeople plots for the period up to 2036.</p>	Not applicable	(D)	Cabinet	Sara Mildmay-White West Suffolk Lead for Housing 01359 270580 <a href="mailto:sara.mildmay-white@stedsbcc.gov.uk">sara.mildmay-white@stedsbcc.gov.uk</a>	Simon Phelan Head of Housing 01638 719440	All Wards	Recommendations from the Local Plan Working Group to Cabinet

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25/10/16  <i>(Brought forward from 01/11/16)</i>	<b>Appointment of External Auditors</b>  The Cabinet will be asked to recommend to Council the appointment of external auditors for both Forest Heath District and St Edmundsbury Borough Councils. The Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committees of both Councils will have previously considered this matter.	Not applicable	(R) - Council 21/12/16	Cabinet/ Council	Stephen Edwards Resources and Performance 01638 660518	Rachael Mann Head of Resources and Performance 01638 719245	All Wards	Report to Cabinet and Council
03/11/16  <i>(Deferred from 24/10/16)</i>	<b>Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution</b>  Following a period of consultation, the Cabinet will be asked to endorse the decisions of Council regarding the provision of consent to an Order establishing a Mayoral Combined Authority for Norfolk and Suffolk.	Not applicable	Partly (KD)  However, recommendations will also be considered by Council.	Cabinet/ Council	James Waters Leader of the Council 07771 621038	Ian Gallin Chief Executive 01284 757001	All Wards	Report to Cabinet (same report for Council)  Separate report from Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding its findings on devolution.

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13/12/16  <i>(Deferred from 13/09/16)</i>	<b>Mildenhall Hub: Business Case</b>  The Cabinet will be asked to consider and recommend to Council, the Business Case for the Mildenhall Hub Project.	Paragraph 3	(R) - Council 21/12/16	Cabinet/ Council	James Waters, Leader of the Council 07771 621038	Alex Wilson Director 01284 757695	Great Heath; Market	Recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet and Council
13/12/16	<b>Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Council Tax Technical Changes 2017/2018</b>  The Cabinet will be asked to consider proposals for the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Council Tax Technical Changes for 2017/2018, prior to seeking its approval by Council.	Not applicable	(R) - Council 21/12/16	Cabinet/ Council	Stephen Edwards Resources and Performance 01638 660518	Rachael Mann Head of Resources and Performance 01638 719245	All Wards	Report to Cabinet, with recommendations to Council
13/12/16	<b>Council Tax Base for Tax Setting Purposes 2017/2018</b>  The Cabinet will be asked to recommend to full	Not applicable	(R) - Council 21/12/16	Cabinet/ Council	Stephen Edwards Resources and Performance 01638 660518	Rachael Mann Head of Resources and Performance 01638 719245	All Wards	Report to Cabinet, with recommendations to Council

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	Council the basis of the formal calculation for the Council Tax Base for the financial year 2017/2018.							
13/12/16	<p><b>Applications for Community Chest Grant Funding 2017/2018</b></p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider applications for the Community Chest funding for 2017/2018.</p>	Not applicable	(KD) - Applications for the 2018/2019 year and beyond are also subject to the budget setting process	Cabinet	Robin Millar Families and Communities 07939 100937	Davina Howes Head of Families and Communities 01284 757070	All Wards	Report to Cabinet
13/12/16 <i>(Deferred from 20/09/16)</i>	<p><b>Housing Development Company - Barley Homes (Group) Ltd - Initial Five Year Business Plan</b></p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to make recommendations to full Council, in respect of approving funding to implement the initial five year Business Plan for the Council's wholly owned</p>	Paragraph 3	(R) - Council 21/12/16	Cabinet/ Council	Councillor Sara Mildmay-White West Suffolk Lead for Housing 01359 270580	Rachael Mann Head of Resources and Performance 01638 719245	All Wards	Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet and Council

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	Housing Development Company: Barley Homes (Group) Ltd.							
13/12/16	<p><b>Health and Fitness Facilities - Newmarket Leisure Centre</b></p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to recommend to Council an investment from Abbeycroft Leisure to improve the health and fitness facilities at Newmarket Leisure Centre to deliver a reduction in management fee payable to Forest Heath District Council.</p>	Not applicable	(R) - Council 21/12/16	Cabinet/ Council	Andy Drummond Leisure and Culture 01638 666888	Jill Korwin Director 01284 757252	All Saints; Severals; St Mary's	Report to Cabinet, with recommendations to Council
14/02/17	<p><b>Revenues Collection and Performance Write-Offs</b></p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider writing-off outstanding debts detailed in the exempt Appendices.</p>	Paragraphs 1, 2	(KD)	Cabinet	Stephen Edwards Resources and Performance 01638 660518	Rachael Mann Head of Resources and Performance 01638 719245	All Wards	Report to Cabinet, with exempt appendices

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14/02/17	<p><b>Annual Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2017/2018 and Treasury Management Code of Practice</b></p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to recommend to Council the approval of the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2017/2018, which must be undertaken before the start of each financial year.</p>	Not applicable	(R) - Council 22/02/17	Cabinet/ Council	Stephen Edwards Resources and Performance 01638 660518	Rachael Mann Head of Resources and Performance 01638 719245	All Wards	Report to Cabinet, with recommendations to Council
14/02/17	<p><b>Budget and Council Tax 2017/2018</b></p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider the proposals for the 2017/2018 budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy, prior to its approval by Council. This report includes the Minimum Revenues Provision (MRP) Policy and Prudential Indicators.</p>	Not applicable	(R) - Council 22/02/17	Cabinet/ Council	Stephen Edwards Resources and Performance 01638 660518	Rachael Mann Head of Resources and Performance 01638 719245	All Wards	Report to Cabinet, with recommendations to Council



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14/02/17	<p><b>Designated Public Place Orders in Brandon and Newmarket and Change to Public Space Protection Orders</b></p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to give approval for going out to consultation on planned changes to the above Orders, as required by legislation. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee may also be asked to consider the latter prior to seeking Cabinet approval.</p>	Not applicable	(D)	Cabinet	Robin Millar Families and Communities 07939 100937	Davina Howes Head of Families and Communities 01284 757070  Helen Lindfield Families and Communities Officer (Community Safety Lead) 01284 757070	All Saints; Brandon East; Brandon West; Severals; St Mary's	Report to Cabinet (which may include recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee), with map and proposed conditions.
04/04/17 <i>(Deferred from 01/11/16)</i>	<p><b>West Suffolk Information Strategy</b></p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and recommend to full Council, approval of a West Suffolk Information Strategy, which had been jointly</p>	Not applicable	Possibly (R) - Council 26/04/17	Cabinet/ Council	Stephen Edwards Resources and Performance 01638 660518	Rachael Mann Head of Resources and Performance 01638 719245	All Wards	Recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet and Council

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	produced with St Edmundsbury Borough Council.							
16/05/17	<p><b>Revenues Collection and Performance Write-Offs</b></p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider writing-off outstanding debts detailed in the exempt Appendices.</p>	Paragraphs 1 and 2	(KD)	Cabinet	Stephen Edwards Resources and Performance 01638 660518	Rachael Mann Head of Resources and Performance 01638 719245	All Wards	Report to Cabinet, with exempt appendices

**NOTE 1: DEFINITIONS OF EXEMPT INFORMATION: RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS**

**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:

PART 1

DESCRIPTIONS OF EXEMPT INFORMATION: ENGLAND

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 DEFINITIONS**

Key decisions are:

- (a) A key decision means an executive decision which, pending any further guidance from the Secretary of State, is likely to:
  - (i) Be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area in the Borough/District; or
  - (ii) Result in any new expenditure, income or savings of more than £50,000 in relation to the Council's revenue budget or capital programme.
  - (iii) Comprise or include the making, approval or publication of a draft or final scheme which may require, either directly or in the event of objections, the approval of a Minister of the Crown.
- (b) A decision taker may only make a key decision in accordance with the requirements of the Executive procedure rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

**NOTE 3: MEMBERSHIP OF BODIES MAKING KEY DECISIONS**

**(a) Membership of the Cabinet and their Portfolios:**

<u>Cabinet Member</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
James Waters	Leader of the Council;
Robin Millar	Deputy Leader of the Council; Families and Communities
David Bowman	Operations
Andy Drummond	Leisure and Culture
Stephen Edwards	Resources and Performance
Lance Stanbury	Planning and Growth

**(b) Membership of the Anglia Revenues Partnership Joint Committee (Breckland Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Fenland District Council, Forest Heath District Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council, St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Waveney District Council (Membership amended from 1 December 2015 to one Member/two Substitutes per Authority)**

<b>Full Breckland Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Full East Cambridgeshire District Council Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Full Fenland District Council Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Full Forest Heath District Council Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Full Suffolk Coastal District Council Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Full St Edmundsbury Borough Council Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Full Waveney District Council Cabinet Member</b>
Cllr Pablo Dimoglou	Cllr David Ambrose-Smith	Cllr Chris Seaton	Cllr Stephen Edwards	Cllr Richard Kerry	Cllr Ian Houlder	Cllr Mike Barnard
<b>Substitute Breckland Cabinet Members</b>	<b>Substitute East Cambridgeshire District Council Cabinet Members</b>	<b>Substitute Fenland District Council Cabinet Members</b>	<b>Substitute Forest Heath District Council Cabinet Members</b>	<b>Substitute Suffolk Coastal District Council Cabinet Members</b>	<b>Substitute St Edmundsbury Borough Council Cabinet Members</b>	<b>Substitute Waveney District Council Cabinet Members</b>
Cllr Michael Wassell	Cllr Lis Every	Cllr John Clark	Cllr James Waters	Cllr Geoff Holdcroft	Cllr Sara Mildmay-White	Cllr Sue Allen
Cllr Ellen Jolly	Cllr Julia Huffer	Cllr Will Sutton	Cllr David Bowman	Cllr Ray Herring	Cllr Robert Everitt	Cllr Letitia Smith

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