

Cabinet



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the **Cabinet** held on **Monday 21 November 2016** at **7.15 pm** in the **Conference Chamber, West Suffolk House**, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU

Present: **Councillors**

Chairman John Griffiths (Leader of the Council) (in the Chair)
Vice Chairman Sara Mildmay-White (Deputy Leader)

Robert Everitt
Ian Houlder
Alaric Pugh

Joanna Rayner
Peter Stevens

By Invitation: Diane Hind (Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

In attendance: David Nettleton

268. **Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

269. **Open Forum**

No non-Cabinet Members in attendance wished to speak under this item.

270. **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

271. **Findings of the Extraordinary Informal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 4 October 2016 - What Will Devolution Mean for West Suffolk?**

The Cabinet considered Report No: CAB/SE/16/056, which sought formal noting from Cabinet of an amended recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, following its consideration of 'What will Devolution mean for West Suffolk?'

Councillor Diane Hine, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee drew relevant issues to the attention of Cabinet, including that the Committee had jointly examined the topic of Devolution with Forest Heath District

Council's Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Committee and was now presenting its findings to Cabinet. Councillor Hind explained the areas that had been scrutinised by the Committees, as summarised in the report.

As reported at the Council meeting immediately prior to Cabinet, the situation with regard to the Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution agreement had significantly changed since publication of the agendas.

The Cabinet acknowledged the examination of the issue of Devolution by the O&S Committees and noted its findings as set out in Section 3 of Report No: OAS/SE/16/026, including its concern regarding the potential for a veto vote of the directly elected Mayor for the then Norfolk and Suffolk Combined Authority, as outlined in paragraph 1.2 of Report No: CAB/SE/16/056.

The Cabinet thanked the Committees for their work and formally noted the recommendation, as amended, and agreed it should be taken into account in any future negotiations regarding the setting up of a Mayoral authority for Devolution.

RESOLVED:

That the concerns of the St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath Overview and Scrutiny Committees regarding the veto vote of the directly elected Mayor for the then proposed Mayoral Combined Authority for Norfolk and Suffolk, as outlined in paragraph 1.2 of Report No: CAB/SE/16/056, be formally acknowledged and noted, and this will be taken into account in any negotiations regarding the setting up of a Mayoral authority for Devolution during negotiations at a later stage.

272. Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Agreement

Members noted that as the decisions taken by Council on the revised set of recommendations tabled at its meeting immediately preceding this meeting, which were not considered to be executive decisions in full or in part, the Cabinet was no longer required to endorse those decisions.

The meeting concluded at 7.20 pm

Signed by:

Chairman
