

# Council



*St Edmundsbury*  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of a meeting of the **Council** held on  
**Tuesday 25 April 2017 at 7.00 pm** in the **Conference Chamber, West**  
**Suffolk House**, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3YU

Present: **Councillors**

**Mayor** Julia Wakelam

**Deputy Mayor** Terry Clements

Trevor Beckwith	Paul Hopfensperger	Richard Rout
Sarah Broughton	Ian Houlder	Andrew Smith
Tony Brown	Margaret Marks	Andrew Speed
Carol Bull	Betty Mclatchy	Clive Springett
John Burns	Ivor Mclatchy	Sarah Stamp
Patrick Chung	Jane Midwood	Peter Stevens
Bob Cockle	Sara Mildmay-White	Peter Thompson
Robert Everitt	Clive Pollington	Jim Thorndyke
Paula Fox	Alaric Pugh	Frank Warby
Susan Glossop	Joanna Rayner	Patricia Warby
John Griffiths	Karen Richardson	Anthony Williams
Diane Hind	David Roach	
Beccy Hopfensperger	Barry Robbins	

## 235. Prayers

The Mayor's Chaplain, the Very Reverend Canon Mark Hackeson of St Edmunds' Church, opened the meeting with prayers.

## 236. Introductions

Prior to the commencement of formal business, the Mayor formally welcomed Leah Mickleborough and Mark Miller to their first Council meeting. Mrs Mickleborough and Mr Miller had recently been appointed to the posts of Service Managers for Democratic Services (and Monitoring Officer) and Strategic Communications respectively, for Forest Heath District and St Edmundsbury Borough Councils.

## 237. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**238. Mayor's announcements**

The Mayor reported on the civic engagements and charity activities which she and her Consort and the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress had attended since the last ordinary meeting of Council held on 21 February 2017.

**239. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Simon Brown, Jason Crooks, Jeremy Farthing, Wayne Hailstone, David Nettleton and Angela Rushen.

**240. Declarations of Interests**

Members declarations of interest were recorded under the item to which the declaration related.

**241. Leader's Statement**

Councillor John Griffiths, Leader of the Council, presented his statement as contained in Report No: COU/SE/17/006.

In addition to his statement, Councillor Griffiths also wished to pay his own respects to Councillor Julia Wakelam, and commended her on the exemplary way she had conducted the role as Mayor of the Council over the past year.

In response to a question regarding the increasing pressures that the Council was facing on its limited accommodation for homeless people, Councillor Sara Mildmay-White (at the request of Councillor Griffiths) explained the work and engagement which was being undertaken, particularly in relation to the rough/street sleepers within the Town. Councillor Mildmay-White particularly referred to the successful bid to DCLG for a rough sleeper outreach worker across localities within St Edmundsbury, Forest Heath, Babergh and Mid-Suffolk. This worker should help to reduce homelessness by providing a point of contact for individuals at risk of becoming homeless or who were at the point of homelessness, whilst also having a role in linking agencies and the Council's partners to help prevent homelessness in the first place.

**242. Public Participation**

No members of the public in attendance wished to speak.

**243. Referrals report of recommendations from Cabinet**

*(Prior to the consideration of this report, the following Councillors declared local non-pecuniary interests:*

*Councillor John Burns                      His business was deemed to be in competition with Abbeycroft Leisure*

*Councillor Terry Clements              Trustee of Abbeycroft Leisure  
(this was an appointment made by St Edmundsbury Borough Council)*

*Councillor Richard Rout His business was deemed to be in competition with Abbeycroft Leisure*

*Councillor Burns, Clements and Rout remained in the meeting for the consideration of this item and also participated in the voting thereon)*

Council considered the Referrals report of Recommendations from Cabinet contained within Report No: COU/SE/17/007.

**(A) Referrals from Cabinet: 28 March 2017**

1. Development of a New Partnership Agreement with Abbeycroft Leisure

Approval was sought for a new Partnership Agreement to be entered into with Abbeycroft Leisure Ltd for a period of 15 years (with options to extend for 5 + 5 years).

Councillor Joanna Rayner, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture, drew relevant issues to the attention of Council, including thanking both Members and Officers for the work which had been undertaken in achieving this proposed new Partnership Agreement.

Councillors Terry Clements and Margaret Marks also both wished to commend the staff and services delivered by Abbeycroft Leisure.

On the motion of Councillor Rayner, seconded by Councillor Clive Springett, and duly carried, it was

RESOLVED:

That:-

- (1) A new Partnership Agreement be entered into with Abbeycroft Leisure Ltd for a period of 15 years, with options to extend for 5 + 5 years, subject to the protections included in the Partnership Agreement; and
- (2) The Partnership Agreement be finalised in line with Report No: CAB/FH/17/019 and the Heads of Terms attached at Appendix 1.

**244. Questions to Committee Chairmen**

Council considered a narrative item, which sought questions of Committee Chairmen on business transacted since the last ordinary meeting of Council on 21 February 2017, as outlined below:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Dates of meetings</b>
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Diane Hind	15 March 2017
Development Control Committee	Cllr Jim Thorndyke	2 March 2017 6 April 2017

No questions were asked of the above Chairmen.

245. **Urgent Questions on Notice**

No urgent questions on notice had been received.

246. **Report on Special Urgency**

The Leader reported that no executive decisions had been taken under the Special Urgency provisions of the Constitution.

The Meeting concluded at 7.35 pm

**Signed by:**

**Mayor**

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