

Cabinet



Forest Heath
District Council

Title of Report:	Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 6 June 2017	
Report No:	CAB/FH/17/028	
Report to and date:	Cabinet	20 June 2017
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Purpose of report:	On 6 June 2017, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following items: (1) Presentation on Renewable Energy Provision for the Mildenhall Hub; (2) Work Programme and Re-Appointments to Task Groups / SCC Health Scrutiny. (3) Decisions Plan: June 2016 to May 2017; (4) Draft West Suffolk Annual Report (2016-2017); and (5) Presentation by the Leader of the Council on his Portfolio Holder responsibilities.	
Recommendation:	The Cabinet is requested to <u>NOTE</u> the contents of Report CAB/FH/17/028, 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:			
<i>Are there any financial implications? 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 	
<i>Are there any staffing implications? 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 	
<i>Are there any ICT implications? 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 	
<i>Are there any legal and/or policy implications? 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 	
<i>Are there any equality implications? 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			
Wards 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: Renewable Energy Provision for the Mildenhall Hub

1.1.1 The Committee had requested and received a presentation on "Investing in Renewable Energy" in relation to the Mildenhall Hub and specifically, the likely mix of technologies that could be deployed. This presentation was an update ahead of an addendum to the main Hub business case being presented to Cabinet and Council. The Committee noted that the Council was awaiting financial information from the Consultants, Concertus and that design and planning issues would to be considered as part of the planning process only and the business case was still subject to planning consent being granted.

1.1.2 The presentation covered the following areas:

- Key objectives;
- Areas considered (reducing demand; heating and cooling; generating and storing power; exporting heat and power to others; monitoring and managing performance)
- Heating and cooling
- Power generation;
- Power storage
- Potential benefits (investment return; cost savings to consumers; carbon savings; improved resilience);
- Additional Options; and
- Next steps.

1.1.3 The Committee discussed the presentation in detail and asked a number of questions to which responses were provided. In particular discussions were held on the build life of the proposed facility; the power storage facility; battery technology; and the various CO₂ targets with regards to using ground source energy verses steam energy.

1.1.4 There being no decision required, the Committee **noted** the contents of the presentation.

1.2 Work Programme and Re-Appointments to Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny (Report No: OAS/FH/17/014)

1.2.1 Work Programme Update

The Committee received and **noted** Report No: OAS/FH/17/014, which provided an update on the current status of the Committee's Work Programme for 2017-2018, which included current Task and Finish Groups.

1.2.2 Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny

The Committee considered the report and nominated Councillor John Bloodworth as the District Council's nominated representative and Councillor Christine Mason as the nominated substitute on the Suffolk Heath Scrutiny Committee for 2017-2018. The Committee **RECOMMENDS that full Council be asked to confirm the appointment of Councillor John Bloodworth as the representative and Councillor Christine Mason as the Substitute**

representative to the Suffolk Health Scrutiny Committee for 2017-2018.

1.3 Decisions Plan: June 2017 to May 2018 (Report No: OAS/FH/17/015)

1.3.1 The Committee considered the latest Decisions Plan, covering the period June 2017 to May 2018. Members reviewed the Decisions Plan in detail and asked questions to which responses were provided.

1.3.2 In response to a question raised in relation to the West Suffolk Community Energy Plan Update 2016-2017, the Committee was advised that Cabinet would receive an Annual Report on the Toggam Solar Farm and data was also readily available on the Councils website.

1.3.3 There being no decision required, the Committee **noted** the contents of the Decisions Plan.

1.4 Draft West Suffolk Annual Report (2016-2017) (Report No: OAS/FH/17/016)

1.4.1 The Leader of the Council attended the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and presented the Annual Report, which outlined the Draft West Suffolk Annual Report (2016-2017).

1.4.2 Members examined the document in detail and asked a number of questions of the Leader and officers, to which comprehensive responses were provided. In particular discussions were held on Community Chest and Locality Budgets; and Supporting our Markets, namely Newmarket.

1.4.3 Comments and suggestions were made by the Committee on the draft Annual Report, which officers agreed to incorporate into the final document.

1.5 Presentation by the Leader of the Council on his Portfolio Responsibilities (Report No: OAS/FH/17/017 and Verbal)

1.5.1 The Committee was reminded that on 9 June 2016, the Committee received a presentation from the Leader of the Council, setting out responsibilities covered under his portfolio.

1.5.2 At this meeting, the Leader of the Council, Councillor James Waters, had been invited back to provide a follow-up presentation on his portfolio. Report No: OAS/FH/17/017, set out the focus for the follow-up presentation, which was to:

- Outline the main challenges faced since during the first year within your portfolio;
- Outline some key successes and any failures during the first year and any lessons learned:
- Set out the vision for the Operations Portfolio through to 2019 and were you on target to meet that vision.

- 1.5.3 Members discussed the presentation and asked questions of the Leader of the Council and officers, to which comprehensive responses were provided. In particular, discussions were held on the Omar Homes and the closure of RAF Mildenhall.
- 1.5.4 There being no decision required, the Committee **noted** the contents of the presentation.

2. Background Papers

- 2.1.1 Report No: [OAS/FH/17/014](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Work Programme and Re-Appointment to Task Groups / SCC Health Scrutiny
- 2.1.2 Report No: [OAS/FH/17/015](#) and [Appendix 1](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Decisions Plan: June 2017 – May 2018
- 2.1.3 Report No: [OAS/FH/17/016](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Draft West Suffolk Annual Report (2016-2017)
- 2.1.4 Report No: [OAS/FH/17/017](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Presentation by the Leader of the Council on his Portfolio Responsibilities