

Cabinet



Forest Heath
District Council

Title of Report:	Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 14 September 2017	
Report No:	CAB/FH/17/047	
Report to and date:	Cabinet	24 October 2017
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Purpose of report:	On 14 September 2017, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following items: (1) Annual Presentation by the Cabinet Member of Planning and Growth; and (2) Work Programme Update.	
Recommendation:	The Cabinet is requested to <u>NOTE</u> the contents of Report CAB/FH/17/047, 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? If yes, please give details		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> • See Reports listed under background papers below	
Are there any staffing implications? If yes, please give details		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> • See Reports listed under background papers below	
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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 Annual Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Growth (Report No: OAS/FH/17/021 and Verbal)

- 1.1.1 The Cabinet Member for Planning and Growth, Councillor Lance Stanbury, was invited back to give an annual update on his portfolio. Report No: OAS/FH/17/021 set out the focus for the annual update.
- 1.1.2 Members discussed the presentation in detail and asked questions of the Cabinet Member and officers, to which comprehensive responses were provided.
- 1.1.3 In particular, discussions were held on Hatchfield Farm; options regarding the possible make-up of the Development Control Committee within a Single Council; planning apprentices; the A14 tech corridor; the quality of industrial units; RAF Mildenhall; re-examining commercial land; the timescale for developing a new West Suffolk Local Plan; and commercial advertising and the missed opportunity of advertising in local papers.
- 1.1.4 The Committee **RECOMMENDS that the Cabinet Member for Planning and Growth be asked to look into all aspects of commercial advertising across West Suffolk, including local newspapers.**

1.2 Work Programme Update (Report No: OAS/FH/17/022)

- 1.2.1 The Committee received Report No: OAS/FH/17/022, which updated Member on the current status of its rolling work programme of items for scrutiny during 2017-2018 (Appendix 1).
- 1.2.2 The Committee noted that the Portfolio Holder for Operations would be attending its meeting on 9 November 2017, and identified in advance a number of questions they would like the Portfolio Holder to cover in his annual update.
- 1.2.3 The Committee was also invited to observe the St Edmundsbury Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Extraordinary meeting on 25 October 2017 when the Suffolk County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport would be attending to discuss how communication could be improved between the various tiers of local government for the benefit of all residents and Councillors in West Suffolk and to hear about the new Suffolk Highways Structure.

2. Background Papers

- 2.1.1 Report No: [OAS/FH/17/021](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Annual Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Growth
- 2.1.2 Report No: [OAS/FH/17/022](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Work Programme Update