

# Cabinet



Forest Heath  
District Council

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 9 November 2017</b>	
<b>Report No:</b>	<b>CAB/FH/17/059</b>	
<b>Report to and date:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>	12 December 2017
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<b>Purpose of report:</b>	<p>On 9 November 2017, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Draft West Suffolk Strategic Framework;</li><li>(2) West Suffolk Growth Outcomes and Investment;</li><li>(3) Annual Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Operations;</li><li>(4) Decisions Plan: November 2017 to May 2018; and</li><li>(5) Work Programme Update and Suggestion for Scrutiny.</li></ol> <p>A separate report is included on this Cabinet agenda for Item <b>(1)</b> above.</p> <p>Recommendations from item <b>(2)</b> above were considered by both FHDC/SEBC Joint Cabinets on 14 November 2017.</p>	

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>The Cabinet is requested to <u>NOTE</u> the contents of Report CAB/FH/17/059, being the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</b>		
<b>Key Decision:</b> <i>(Check the appropriate box and delete all those that <b>do not</b> 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.		
<b>Consultation:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Reports listed under background papers below</li> </ul>		
<b>Alternative option(s):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Reports listed under background papers below</li> </ul>		
<b>Implications:</b>			
<i>Are there any <b>financial</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Reports listed under background papers below</li> </ul>
<i>Are there any <b>staffing</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Reports listed under background papers below</li> </ul>
<i>Are there any <b>ICT</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Reports listed under background papers below</li> </ul>
<i>Are there any <b>legal and/or policy</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Reports listed under background papers below</li> </ul>
<i>Are there any <b>equality</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Reports listed under background papers below</li> </ul>
<b>Risk/opportunity assessment:</b> <i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>			
<b>Risk area</b>	<b>Inherent level of risk</b> (before controls)	<b>Controls</b>	<b>Residual risk</b> (after controls)
See Reports listed under background papers below			
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All Wards		
<b>Background papers:</b>	Please see background papers, which are listed at the end of the report.		
<b>Documents attached:</b>	None		

## **1. Key issues and reasons for recommendation**

### **1.1 Annual Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Operations (Report No: OAS/FH/17/025)**

- 1.1.1 The Cabinet Member for Operations, Councillor David Bowman, was invited back to give an annual update on his portfolio. Report No: OAS/FH/17/025 set out the focus for the annual update.
- 1.1.2 Prior to the meeting taking place, the Cabinet Member was provided with some key questions from Scrutiny Members on what they would like included in the update, and responses were set out the report.
- 1.1.3 The Committee asked follow-up questions relating to Newmarket Market; Civil Parking Enforcement and the West Suffolk Operational Hub, to which comprehensive responses were provided.
- 1.1.4 There being no decision required, the Committee **noted** the contents of the presentation.

### **1.2 Decisions Plan: November 2017 to May 2018 (Report No: OAS/FH/17/026)**

- 1.2.1 The Committee considered the latest Decisions Plan, covering the period November 2017 to May 2018.
- 1.2.2 Members reviewed the Decisions Plan and in particular discussed the "Applications for Community Chest Funding 2018-2019", scheduled to be presented to Cabinet on 12 December 2017, and requested a written response setting out an overview of applications received; whether applications matched the council's priorities and an indication of the demographic spread of applications received across Forest Heath.
- 1.2.3 There being no decision required, the Committee **noted** the contents of the Decisions Plan.

### **1.3 Work Programme Update and Suggestion for Scrutiny (Report No: OAS/FH/17/027)**

- 1.3.1 The Committee received and **noted** Report No: OAS/FH/17/027, which provided an update on the current status of the Committee's Work Programme for 2018, which included current Task and Finish Groups.
- 1.3.2 The Committee also considered a suggestion for scrutiny which had been submitted suggesting the Committee:  
  
Carries out a post implementation review of the Home of Horseracing Project a year after its official opening, and reviews the museums future plans on how the Council can assist in its delivery as a partner.
- 1.3.3 The Committee considered the suggestion, and taking into account information provided, the Committee **Resolved** that:

- 1) A review of the Home of Horseracing Project be included in the Committee's forward work programme for early 2018.
- 2) The Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny) works with the Director (Project Sponsor for Forest Heath District Council) and representatives of the National Horseracing Museum to agree a mutually convenient date to hold an Extraordinary meeting in early 2018, with the venue to be confirmed.

## **2. Background Papers**

- 2.1.1 Report No: [OAS/FH/17/025](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Annual Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Operations
- 2.1.2 Report No: [OAS/FH/17/026](#) and [Appendix 1](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Decisions Plan: November 2017 to May 2018
- 2.1.3 Report No: [OAS/FH/17/027](#) and [Appendix 2](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Work Programme Update and Suggestion for Scrutiny