



Forest Heath District Council

Report No: CAB/FH/18/033

Decisions Plan

Key Decisions and other executive decisions to be considered

Date: 1 May 2018 to 31 May 2018

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The following plan shows both the key decisions and other decisions/matters taken in private, that the Cabinet, Joint Committees or Officers under delegated authority, are intending to take up to 31 May 2018. This table is updated on a monthly rolling basis and provides at least 28 clear days' notice of the consideration of any key decisions and of the taking of any items in private. This Plan also includes Cabinet decisions expected beyond 31 May 2018.

Executive decisions are taken at public meetings of the Cabinet and by other bodies provided with executive decision-making powers. Some decisions and items may be taken in private during the parts of the meeting at which the public may be excluded, when it is likely that confidential or exempt information may be disclosed. This is indicated on the relevant meeting agenda and in the '*Reason for taking the item in private*' column relevant to each item detailed on the plan.

Members of the public may wish to:

- make enquiries in respect of any of the intended decisions listed below;
- receive copies of any of the documents in the public domain listed below;
- receive copies of any other documents in the public domain relevant to those matters listed below which may be submitted to the decision taker; or
- make representations in relation to why meetings to consider the listed items intended for consideration in private should be open to the public.

In all instances, contact should be made with the named Officer in the first instance, either on the telephone number listed against their name, or via email using the format firstname.surname@westsuffolk.gov.uk or via Forest Heath District Council, District Offices, College Heath Road, Mildenhall, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP28 7EY.

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15/05/18 <i>(Deferred from 03/04/18)</i>	Investing in the Council's Commercial Asset Portfolio In line with the Council's West Suffolk Growth Investment Strategy, the Cabinet will be asked to consider a potential acquisition to the Council's commercial asset portfolio.	Paragraph 3	(R) - Council 13/06/18	Cabinet/ Council	James Waters Leader of the Council 07771 621038	Julie Baird Assistant Director (Growth) 01284 757613	All Wards	Report to Cabinet, with recommendations to Council
15/05/18	Mildenhall Hub Following procurement and further design, the Cabinet will be provided with an update and will be asked to sign-off the final capital and revenue budgets for the Mildenhall Hub project before delivery begins.	Not applicable	(R) - Council 13/06/18 (as appropriate)	Cabinet/ Council	James Waters Leader of the Council 07771 621038	Alex Wilson Director 01284 757695	All Wards, but principally Mildenhall and the surrounding areas	Report to Cabinet, with recommendations to Council
15/05/18	National Horseracing Museum To consider any recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny	Not applicable	(R) - Council 13/06/18 (as appropriate)	Cabinet/ Council (as appropriate)	Andy Drummond Leisure and Culture 01638 666888	Alex Wilson Director 01284 757695	All Wards	Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet/

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	Committee on the routine post implementation scrutiny review of the Council's involvement in the Home of Horseracing project and on the review of the Museum's future plans and how the Council can assist in their delivery as a partner.							Council, as appropriate.
22/05/18 <i>(Joint meeting with SEBC Cabinet)</i>	<p>Custom and Self Build Interim Policy Statement</p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to agree an Interim Policy Statement which will be used to assess whether or not an application for self/custom build should be granted planning permission and how the West Suffolk Councils (Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury) plan to meet the self/custom build demand in West Suffolk.</p>	Not applicable	(D)	Cabinet	Sara Mildmay-White West Suffolk Lead for Housing 01359 270580	Julie Baird Assistant Director (Growth) 01284 757613 Simon Phelan Service Manager (Strategic Housing) 01638 719440	All Wards	Report to Cabinet, including Interim Policy Statement

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22/05/18 <i>(Joint meeting with SEBC Cabinet)</i>	<p>Building Control Resourcing and Development Plan</p> <p>To provide the Cabinet with an overview of the Development Plan for the Building Control Service. As part of this, it has been identified for the need to increase resources within the Team to provide both capacity and resilience. Therefore, the Cabinet is being asked for the authority to increase the permanent establishment of the service.</p>	Not applicable	(KD)	Cabinet	Lance Stanbury Planning and Growth 07970 947704	David Collinson Assistant Director (Planning & Regulatory) 01284 757306	All Wards	Report to Cabinet
22/05/18	<p>Annual Review of Cabinet's Working Group, Joint Committees/Panels and Other Groups</p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider an annual review of its Working Group, Joint Committees/Panels and other Groups.</p>	Not applicable	(D)	Cabinet	James Waters Leader of the Council 07771 621038	Leah Mickleborough Service Manager (Democratic Services)/ Monitoring Officer 01284 757162	All Wards	Report to Cabinet

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26/06/18 <i>(Joint meeting with SEBC Cabinet)</i>	<p>West Suffolk Growth Investment Strategy - Energy Framework</p> <p>Within the West Suffolk Growth Investment Strategy, which was adopted in February 2018, reference was made to a number of opportunities linked to energy and recognised "<i>there is great scope to invest in energy and infrastructure to not only get an economic and financial return, but social benefits too.</i>"</p> <p>The proposed Energy Framework provides detail around that ambition and set out the policy context for investing in energy and within the local context for West Suffolk.</p> <p>The proposed Energy Framework provides detail around that ambition and set out the policy context</p>	Not applicable	(D)	Cabinet	Lance Stanbury Planning and Growth 07970 947704	David Collinson Assistant Director (Planning & Regulatory) 01284 757306	All Wards	Report to Cabinet, including Energy Framework

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	for investing in energy and within the local context for West Suffolk.							
26/06/18 <i>(Deferred from 03/04/18)</i> <i>(Joint meeting with SEBC Cabinet)</i>	<p>Review of West Suffolk's Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>The Homelessness Act 2002 requires all councils to review and produce a new Homelessness Strategy at least every five years. A review of the existing Strategy is due in 2018.</p> <p>In addition to this, the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 comes into force in April 2018 and there are a number of fundamental changes to legislation and additional duties that will need to be reflected in a new Homelessness Strategy for West Suffolk.</p> <p>The draft Strategy will have previously been</p>	Not applicable	(D)	Cabinet	Sara Mildmay-White West Suffolk Lead for Housing 01359 270580	Davina Howes Assistant Director (Families and Communities) 01284 757070	All Wards	Report to Cabinet with draft policy, overview of the existing Homelessness Strategy review and results of the consultation

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	considered by the FHDC and SEBC Overview and Scrutiny Committees.							
26/06/18 <i>(Joint meeting with SEBC Cabinet)</i>	West Suffolk Annual Report 2017/2018 Following scrutiny by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Cabinet will be asked to consider the West Suffolk Annual Report 2017/2018, which has been jointly produced with St Edmundsbury Borough Council.	Not applicable	(D)	Cabinet	James Waters Leader of the Council 07771 621038	Davina Howes Assistant Director (Families and Communities) 01284 757070	All Wards	Report to Cabinet.
24/07/18	Revenues Collection and Performance Write-Offs The Cabinet will be asked to consider writing-off outstanding debts detailed in the exempt Appendices.	Paragraphs 1 and 2	(KD)	Cabinet	Stephen Edwards Resources and Performance 07904 389982	Rachael Mann Assistant Director (Resources and Performance) 01638 719245	All Wards	Report to Cabinet, with exempt Appendices

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04/09/18 <i>(Deferred from 26/06/18)</i> <i>(Joint meeting with SEBC Cabinet)</i>	West Suffolk Joint Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) The Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provides additional guidance to Core Strategy Policies CS5 (St Edmundsbury Borough Council) and CS9 (Forest Heath District Council) 'Affordable Housing' to ensure that applicants and developers have a clear understanding of affordable housing requirements when considering the submission of a planning application. The Cabinet will be asked to recommend to Council approval of this SPD.	Not applicable	(R) - Council 26/09/18	Cabinet/ Council	Sara Mildmay-White West Suffolk Lead for Housing 01359 270580	Julie Baird Assistant Director (Growth) 01284 757613 Simon Phelan Service Manager (Strategic Housing) 01638 719440	All Wards	Report to Cabinet, including Supplementary Planning Document
04/09/18 <i>(Deferred from</i>	Housing Ten Unit Threshold The Cabinet will be asked	Not applicable	(D)	Cabinet	Sara Mildmay-White West Suffolk Lead for Housing	Julie Baird Assistant Director (Growth) 01283 757613	All Wards	Report to Cabinet

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22/05/18 <i>(Joint meeting with SEBC Cabinet)</i>	to approve reverting back to applying approved affordable housing policies CS5 (St Edmundsbury Borough Council) and CS9 (Forest Heath District Council) (as applicable) in relation to developments of less than ten units and not applying the written Ministerial Statement which removes the requirement to provide any affordable housing on developments of less than ten units.				01359 270580	Simon Phelan Strategic Manager (Strategic Housing) 01638 719440		
02/10/18 <i>(Joint meeting with SEBC Cabinet)</i>	Asset Management Strategy and Asset Management Plan The Cabinet will be asked to consider the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the adoption of a new Asset Management Strategy and associated Asset Management Plan, which	Possible Exempt Appendices: Paragraph 3	(R) - Council 31/10/18	Cabinet/ Council	Lance Stanbury Planning and Growth 07970 947704	Julie Baird Assistant Director (Growth) 01284 757613	All Wards	Recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet and Council with the possibility of Exempt Appendices.

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	has been produced jointly with St Edmundsbury Borough Council.							
02/10/18 <i>(Deferred from 26/06/18)</i> <i>(Joint meeting with SEBC Cabinet)</i>	<p>Review of the West Suffolk Housing Strategy</p> <p>The West Suffolk Housing Strategy is due to be reviewed in 2018. Through the review of the Housing Strategy, there will be the opportunity to reflect priorities, actions and projects set out in the recently adopted Strategic Plan 2018-2020. Furthermore, there are a number of additional changes to housing legislation that will be reflected in the Housing Strategy.</p> <p>The draft Strategy will have previously been considered by the FHDC and SEBC Overview and Scrutiny Committees.</p>	Not applicable	(R) - Council 31/10/18	Cabinet/ Council	Sara Mildmay-White West Suffolk Lead for Housing 01359 270580	Davina Howes Assistant Director (Families and Communities) 01284 757070 David Collinson Assistant Director (Planning and Growth) 01284 757306	All Wards	Report to Cabinet with draft Strategy, overview of existing Housing Strategy review and results of consultation

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02/10/18 <i>(Deferred from 26/06/18)</i> <i>(Joint meeting with SEBC Cabinet)</i>	West Suffolk Joint Tenancy Strategy The Localism Act (2011) introduced a duty for local authorities to produce a Tenancy Strategy. The Cabinet will be asked to consider a Strategy which outlines both the West Suffolk Councils' (Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury) and Registered Providers' approach to issues which affect tenants living in West Suffolk, including the management and allocation of affordable housing.	Not applicable	(D)	Cabinet	Sara Mildmay-White West Suffolk Lead for Housing 01359 270580	Julie Baird Assistant Director (Growth) 01284 757613 Simon Phelan Service Manager (Strategic Housing) 01638 719440	All Wards	Report to Cabinet, including Tenancy Strategy
06/11/18	Revenues Collection and Performance Write-Offs The Cabinet will be asked to consider writing-off outstanding debts detailed in the exempt Appendices.	Paragraphs 1 and 2	(KD)	Cabinet	Stephen Edwards Resources and Performance 07904 389982	Rachael Mann Assistant Director (Resources and Performance) 01638 719245	All Wards	Report to Cabinet

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11/12/18 <i>(Deferred from 22/05/18)</i> <i>(Joint meeting with SEBC Cabinet)</i>	Street Vending and Trading Policy The Cabinet will be asked to consider a revised street vending and trading policy. Consultation will take place with the Licensing and Regulatory Committee on the proposed content of the policy.	Not applicable	(D)	Cabinet	Lance Stanbury Planning and Growth 07970 947704	Peter Gudde Service Manager (Environment and Regulation) 01284 757042	All Wards	Report to Cabinet with revised policy
12/03/19	Revenues Collection and Performance Write-Offs The Cabinet will be asked to consider writing-off outstanding debts detailed in the exempt Appendices.	Paragraphs 1 and 2	(KD)	Cabinet	Stephen Edwards Resources and Performance 07904 389982	Rachael Mann Assistant Director (Resources and Performance) 01638 719245	All Wards	Report to Cabinet

NOTE 1: DEFINITIONS OF EXEMPT INFORMATION: RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS

In accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

The public may be excluded from all or part of the meeting during the consideration of items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, as follows:

PART 1

DESCRIPTIONS OF EXEMPT INFORMATION: ENGLAND

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes –
 - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

In accordance with Section 100A(3) (a) and (b) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

Confidential information is also not for public access, but the difference between this and exempt information is that a Government department, legal opinion or the court has prohibited its disclosure in the public domain. Should confidential information require consideration in private, this will be detailed in this Decisions Plan.

NOTE 2: KEY DECISION DEFINITIONS

Key decisions are:

- (a) A key decision means an executive decision which, pending any further guidance from the Secretary of State, is likely to:
 - (i) Be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area in the Borough/District; or
 - (ii) Result in any new expenditure, income or savings of more than £50,000 in relation to the Council's revenue budget or capital programme.
 - (iii) Comprise or include the making, approval or publication of a draft or final scheme which may require, either directly or in the event of objections, the approval of a Minister of the Crown.
- (b) A decision taker may only make a key decision in accordance with the requirements of the Executive procedure rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

NOTE 3: MEMBERSHIP OF BODIES MAKING KEY DECISIONS

(a) Membership of the Cabinet and their Portfolios:

Cabinet Member	Portfolio
James Waters	Leader of the Council;
Robin Millar	Deputy Leader of the Council; Families and Communities
David Bowman	Operations
Andy Drummond	Leisure and Culture
Stephen Edwards	Resources and Performance
Lance Stanbury	Planning and Growth

(b) Membership of the Anglia Revenues Partnership Joint Committee (Breckland Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Fenland District Council, Forest Heath District Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council, St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Waveney District Council (Membership: one Member/two Substitutes per Authority)

Full Breckland Cabinet Member	Full East Cambridgeshire District Council Cabinet Member	Full Fenland District Council Cabinet Member	Full Forest Heath District Council Cabinet Member	Full Suffolk Coastal District Council Cabinet Member	Full St Edmundsbury Borough Council Cabinet Member	Full Waveney District Council Cabinet Member
Cllr Paul Classen	Cllr David Ambrose-Smith	Cllr Chris Seaton	Cllr Stephen Edwards	Cllr Richard Kerry (Chairman)	Cllr Ian Houlder	Cllr Bruce Provan (Vice Chairman)
Substitute Breckland Cabinet Members	Substitute East Cambridgeshire District Council Cabinet Members	Substitute Fenland District Council Cabinet Members	Substitute Forest Heath District Council Cabinet Members	Substitute Suffolk Coastal District Council Cabinet Members	Substitute St Edmundsbury Borough Council Cabinet Members	Substitute Waveney District Council Cabinet Members
Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen	Cllr Lis Every	Cllr John Clark	Cllr James Waters	Cllr Stuart Lawson	Cllr Sara Mildmay-White	Cllr Mark Bee
Cllr William Nunn	Cllr Julia Huffer	Cllr Will Sutton	Cllr David Bowman	Cllr Ray Herring	Cllr Robert Everitt	Cllr Chris Punt

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 Date: 16 April 2018