

# Cabinet



*St Edmundsbury*  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 18 April 2018</b>	
<b>Report No:</b>	<b>CAB/SE/18/030</b>	
<b>Report to and date:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>	22 May 2018
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<b>Purpose of report:</b>	On 18 April 2018, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following items:  (1) Annual Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Families and Communities  (2) Monitoring Community Safety Activities including Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership  (3) Review of Bury St Edmunds Christmas Fayre – Scoping Report;  (4) Update and Approval of the 2018-2019 Work Programme.	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>The Cabinet is requested to <u>NOTE</u> the contents of Report CAB/SE/18/030, 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 Families and Communities (Report No: OAS/SE/18/011)**

- 1.1.1 The Cabinet Member for Families and Communities, Councillor Robert Everitt was invited back to give an annual update on his portfolio. Report No: OAS/SE/18/011 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 Cabinet Member thanked officers in the families and communities portfolio for their work over the past year.
- 1.1.4 The Committee received assurances regarding the support provided to rough sleepers within St Edmundsbury, and noted the positive work undertaken by the outreach workers.
- 1.1.5 The Committee discussed the level of engagement with health services, in particular recognising the need to ensure the health sector was engaged in local growth plans.
- 1.1.6 The Committee was pleased to note that a new tenant was due to locate to the vacant unit at Bury St Edmunds Bus Station. However, concern was raised at the length of time this had taken given the need to act commercially, and the Committee sought reassurance that all opportunities to secure new tenants had been taken.
- 1.1.7 The Chairman on behalf of the Committee thanked the Cabinet Member and officers for their attendance and **noted** the update.

### **1.2 Monitoring Community Safety Activities including Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (Report No: OAS/SE//18/012)**

- 1.2.1 It is the duty of the Committee, as the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee designated under the Police and Justice Act 2006, to scrutinise the work of the Partnership.
- 1.2.2 The Committee received and **noted** the update on the community safety activity in West Suffolk, including the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (WSCSP) from April 2017 to March 2018.
- 1.2.3 The Council Representative, Councillor Robert Everitt, provided further detail on the County Lines. He explained that a key priority in Suffolk was to address the issue of drug running to our communities from outside of our area. It was important to demonstrate that drug running was not tolerated in West Suffolk, and undertook preventative work to ensure a gang culture did not form in the Council's area. Councillor Everitt encouraged all members to support their communities in raising drug problems, and referring these to the police and the Families and Communities Officers.

- 1.2.4 Questions were asked relating to the promotion of the work of the Community Safety Partnership, and the importance of raising the profile of hidden crime. A suggestion was made for a website presence for the Community Safety Partnership.
- 1.3 **Review of Bury St Edmunds Christmas Fayre – Scoping Report (Report No: OAS/SE//18/013)**
- 1.3.1 The Committee received Report No: OAS/SE/18/013, which sought the establishment of a West Suffolk Joint Task and Finish Group to conduct a review into delivery of the Bury St Edmunds Christmas Fayre for 2019. A joint approach was proposed since the 2019 Fayre would be run by the new single authority for West Suffolk
- 1.3.2 A formal review of the Fayre was last carried out in 2015 by a Task and Finish Group with the review concluding that “St Edmundsbury Council should commit to the Christmas Fayre for the remainder of the current administration” (i.e. May 2019) and made a number of recommendations that have been, or are being implemented.
- 1.3.3 Discussion was held as to the membership of the group and the importance of ensuring that rural areas and other towns were represented on the group. However, the precise extent of involvement of Forest Heath members was carefully considered, to balance the fact that the event had historically been led by St Edmundsbury, versus the benefits from Forest Heath members giving a different perspective. Various options were discussed including splitting the review into retrospective and forward looking elements; the former being conducted by St Edmundsbury members only and the latter being constituted by the Shadow Authority.
- 1.3.4 To reflect the outcome of the discussion it was **RESOLVED that a Joint West Suffolk Task and Finish Group be established, with 6 members from St Edmundsbury’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee and up to 6 members from Forest Heath’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to carry out a review of the Bury St Edmunds Christmas Fayre and to make recommendations for 2019.**
- 1.4 **Update and Approval of the 2018-2019 Work Programme (Report No: OAS/SE/18/014)**
- 1.4.1 The Committee received Report No: OAS/SE/18/014, which updated members on the current status of its rolling work programme of annual items (Appendix 1) and additional items for adoption, identified by the Committee at its scrutiny workshop held on 7 February 2018.
- 1.4.2 At the scrutiny workshop members were asked to pick a manageable number of new areas of work out of a total of 20 identified, alongside the previously agreed and ongoing work of the committee, for inclusion in its 2018-2019 work programme, which was attached at Appendix 1 and Appendix 1A to the report. The Committee thanked officers for their support at the workshop.

- 1.4.3 Members in particular discussed the proposed review of non-idling zones (Appendix 3) and matters that could be considered as part of the review including the extent to which air quality across St Edmundsbury should be considered; only encouraging stop-starting in cars designed for that purpose; the impact of traffic lights on congestion and idling outside takeaway businesses, and the ability to enforce any proposals given other challenges with traffic use.
- 1.4.4 The report also requested that Members identify questions they would like the Leader of the Council to cover as part of his overall presentation of the Draft West Suffolk Annual Report 2017-2018 on 6 June 2018. It was agreed that members should e-mail questions to the Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny) by Wednesday, 25 April 2018.
- 1.4.5 The Committee **RESOLVED** that the additional five items attached as Appendix 2 to Report No: OAS/SE/18/014, be adopted.

## **2. Background Papers**

- 2.1 Report No: [OAS/SE/18/011](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Annual Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Families and Communities
- 2.2 Report No: [OAS/SE/18/012](#) and [Appendix A](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Monitoring Community Safety Activities including Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership
- 2.3 Report No: [OAS/SE/18/013](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Review of Bury St Edmunds Christmas Fayre – Scoping Report
- 2.4 Report No: [OAS/SE/18/014](#), [Appendix 1](#), [Appendix 1A](#), [Appendix 2](#), [Appendix 2A](#) and [Appendix 3](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Update and Approval of the 2018-2019 Work Programme