

# Shadow Executive (Cabinet)

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Report of the Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committees: 25 July 2018</b>	
<b>Report No:</b>	<b>EXC/SA/18/008</b>	
<b>Report to and date:</b>	<b>Shadow Executive (Cabinet)</b>	18 September 2018
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<b>Purpose of report:</b>	On 25 July 2018, St Edmundsbury Borough Council's and Forest Heath District Council's Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committees held an informal joint meeting together, and <u>considered the following items jointly:</u>  (1) Approach to Delivering a Sustainable West Suffolk Budget 2019-2020 and Medium Term Plan; and	

	(2) Appointment of Auditors for West Suffolk Council.  A separate report is included on this Shadow Executive (Cabinet) agenda for Item <b>(2)</b> above.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>It is RECOMMENDED that Report No: EXC/SA/18/008, being the report for both St Edmundsbury Borough Council's and Forest Heath District Council's Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committees, be noted.</b>
<b>Key Decision:</b>	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 in Section 2 below.</li> </ul>
<b>Alternative option(s):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See reports listed in Section 2 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"/> Please see background papers.
<i>Are there any <b>staffing</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please see background papers.
<i>Are there any <b>ICT</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please see background papers.
<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"/> Please see background papers.
<i>Are there any <b>equality</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please see background papers.
<b>Risk/opportunity assessment:</b>	Please see background papers.
<b>Ward(s) 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 Approach to Delivering a Sustainable West Suffolk Budget 2019-2020 and Medium Term Plan (Report Nos: PAS/SE/18/024 and PAS/FH/18/023)**

- 1.1.1 Shadow Council on 17 July 2018, considered the recommendations from the Shadow Executive (Cabinet) regarding the adoption of the new West Suffolk Council's Strategic Framework and Medium Term Financial Strategy. As the report was published prior to that date, the report was written on the basis that those recommendations would be supported by the Shadow Council, which was the case. The Shadow Council was also asked to support the key principles set out in Report No: EXC/SA/18/002 for the development of the 2019-2020 budget and medium term financial plans for the new West Suffolk Council.
- 1.1.2 Recognising the important role the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committees played in the development of the budget, it was agreed that a report be brought to each Committee, setting out the proposed approach to achieving these principles, including timescales and next steps.
- 1.1.3 The Committees received the above authority-respective report at a joint meeting, which set out the proposed approach and timescales around the 2019-2020 budget setting process against the agreed principles, as we head into the new West Suffolk Council.
- 1.1.4 The Committees considered and **noted** the report and the approach set out for delivering a Sustainable West Suffolk Budget for 2019-2020 and Medium Term Plan, and did not raise any issues.

## **2. Background Papers**

- 2.1.1 Report No: [PAS/SE/18/024](#) and [PAS/FH/18/023](#) to the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committees: Approach to Delivering a Sustainable West Suffolk Budget 2019-2020 and Medium Term Plan