

Joint Executive (Cabinet) Committee



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Title of Report:	Report of St Edmundsbury Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 7 November 2018	
Report No:	CAB/JT/18/048	
Report to and date:	Joint Executive (Cabinet) Committee	11 December 2018
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Purpose of report:	<p>On 7 November 2018, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) West Suffolk Housing Strategy and West Suffolk Tenancy Strategy; (2) Garden Waste Collection Service Review – Final Report; (3) Christmas Fayre Review – Final Report; (4) Local Air Quality Management – Vehicle Anti-Idling (5) Annual Portfolio Holder Report – Planning and Growth; and (6) Work Programme. <p>A separate report is included on this agenda for Item (1) above.</p>	

	Items (2) and (3) above were considered by the Shadow Executive (Cabinet), at its meeting on 27 November 2018.		
Recommendation:	The Joint Executive (Cabinet) Committee is requested to <u>NOTE</u> the contents of Report CAB/JT/18/048, being the report of St Edmundsbury's 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? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Reports listed under background papers below 	
Are there any staffing implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Reports listed under background papers below 	
Are there any ICT implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Reports listed under background papers below 	
Are there any legal and/or policy implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Reports listed under background papers below 	
Are there any equality implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Reports listed under background papers below 	
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 West Suffolk Housing Strategy and West Suffolk Tenancy Strategy (Report No: OAS/SE/18/030)

- 1.1.1 The Committee received the draft West Suffolk Housing Strategy and the draft West Suffolk Tenancy Strategy, which were attached as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 to Report No: OAS/SE/18/030.
- 1.1.2 A review of the West Suffolk Housing Strategy (Appendix 1), is due in 2018. By adopting the new Strategy, the Council is aligning its priorities for housing with the Strategic Framework 2018-2020 and responding to new legislation and additional duties such as the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 and the revised National Planning Policy Framework 2018. The Housing Strategy has been the subject of public and stakeholder consultations through a workshop and online survey.
- 1.1.3 A review of the West Suffolk Tenancy Strategy (Appendix 2) is due in 2018. The Localism Act 2011 requires local authorities to produce a Tenancy Strategy that outlines how councils and registered providers approach issues which affect tenants living in their area. The Tenancy Strategy has been the subject of public and stakeholder consultation through an online survey.
- 1.1.4 The Committee examined the documents in detail and asked a number of questions, to which comprehensive responses were provided. In particular discussions were held on homelessness and rough sleepers; the number of new homes needed by 2031 and where the figures came from; who set the criteria for affordable housing and rents set above the Local Housing Allowances by registered providers.
- 1.1.5 The Committee discussed the number of consultation responses currently received, and suggested promoting the consultation more through social media outlets, to which officers agreed to look into.
- 1.1.6 The Committee also referred to paragraph 1.2.1 of the report, and questioned what the number was of rural houses being delivered, and suggested including the figures in the draft Housing Strategy.
- 1.1.7 Comments and suggestions were made by the Committee on the draft West Suffolk Housing Strategy and the draft West Suffolk Tenancy Strategy, which officers agreed to incorporate into the final documents, which would be presented to the Joint Executive (Cabinet) for approval on 11 December 2018, and Council on 18 December 2018, where appropriate.

1.2 Local Air Quality Management – Vehicle Anti-Idling (Report No: OAS/SE/18/033)

- 1.2.1 As there were only five members of the Committee present when it came to this item, the Chairman declared the meeting inquorate under Part 4, Paragraph 4 of the Committee Procedure Rules of the Council's Constitution and announced that this item of business would stand adjourned for consideration at the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9 January 2019.

1.3 **Annual Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Growth (Report No: OAS/SE/18/034)**

- 1.3.1 The Cabinet Member for Planning and Growth, Councillor Susan Glossop was invited to give an annual update on her portfolio. Report No: OAS/SE/18/034 set out the focus for the annual update.
- 1.3.2 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.
- 1.3.3 The Cabinet Member thanked the Committee for the invitation to address the Committee.
- 1.3.4 The Committee asked a number of follow-up questions relating to the responses provided on growth areas and regeneration, to which comprehensive responses were provided.
- 1.3.5 There being no decision required, the Committee **noted** the annual update.

1.4 **Work Programme Update (Report No: OAS/SE/18/035)**

- 1.4.1 The Committee received and **noted** Report No: OAS/SE/18/035, which provided an update on the current status of the Committee's Work Programme for 2019.
- 1.4.2 The report also requested that Members identify questions they would like the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture to cover in their annual report to the Committee on 9 January 2019.

2. Background Papers

- 2.1.1 Report No: [OAS/SE/18/033](#), [Appendix 1](#), [Appendix 2](#) and [Appendix 3](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Local Air Quality Management – Vehicle Anti-Idling
- 2.2.2 Report No: [OAS/SE/18/034](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Annual Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Growth
- 2.1.3 Report No: [OAS/SE/18/035](#) and [Appendix 1](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Work Programme Update