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Forest Heath District Council St Edmundsbury Borough Council Portfolio Holder Decisions Notice

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The following decision was taken by the Forest Heath District and St Edmundsbury Borough Councils' Portfolio Holders for Planning and Growth on **Wednesday 27 February 2019** and, if not called in by Councillors, will come into operation on Friday 8 March 2019. An executive decision may be called in, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules contained within Part 4 of each Council's Constitutions, by at least five Councillors submitting the required call-in request form to the Assistant Director (HR, Legal and Democratic Services) (e-mail: <u>democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk</u>) **by 5.00 pm on Thursday 7 March 2019**.

Should you have a query regarding any of the decisions taken, 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 <u>firstname.surname@westsuffolk.gov.uk</u>. Alternatively, you may also contact the relevant Portfolio Holder on the telephone number listed against their name, or via email using the format <u>firstname.surname@stedsbc.gov.uk</u> or <u>firstname.surname@forest-heath.gov.uk</u> Contact may also be made via Democratic Services, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk, IP33 3YU

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No Agenda Item No. as PH Decision Report No: CAB/JT/19/008	None	<u>Future High Street Fund</u> RESOLVED: That the submission of an expression of interest in round one of the Future High Street Fund, as set out in paragraph 2.1.4 of Report No: CAB/JT/19/008, be approved.	Bearing in mind the fact that whichever town West Suffolk chose to bid for the Future High Street Fund would be in competition with other towns across the whole of England and Wales, it is important to choose the town that has the best fit with the stated criteria (as summarised in Report No: CAB/JT/19/008). Whilst several other West Suffolk towns showed that they have challenges similar to Haverhill such as a poor range of shops and poor range of town centre uses, it was	Options under consideration and rejected for the reasons given accordingly are set out in Section 2 of Report No: CAB/JT/19/008.	Portfolio Holders: SEBC Cllr Susan Glossop 07473 041394 FHDC Cllr Lance Stanbury 07970 947704 <u>Officer:</u> Julie Baird Assistant Director (Growth) 01284 757613

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			the opportunities in Haverhill that set it apart. The Government has stated that it proposes to open a second round of funding in the future and consideration was given to whether to submit two bids in round one. The amount of work that goes into writing an expression of interest is however, more extensive than may be thought, particularly with this fund which is very reliant upon support from stakeholders. It is considered that to ask stakeholders to support two bids at the same time would devalue the support. The preference of the Portfolio Holders for Planning and Growth is therefore, for a strong bid to be submitted in this round for Haverhill and then the same effort can be given to a second town in round two.		

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