

Decisions Plan

Key decisions and other executive decisions to be considered

Date: 1 December 2021 to 31 March 2022

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The following plan shows both the key decisions and other decisions/matters taken in private, that the Cabinet, portfolio holders, joint committees or officers under delegated authority, are intending to take up to 31 May 2022. 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.

Executive decisions are taken at public meetings of the Cabinet and by other bodies/individuals 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; or
- receive copies of any of the documents in the public domain listed below; or
- 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 West Suffolk Council, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 3YU or Mildenhall Hub, Sheldrick Way, Mildenhall, Suffolk IP28 7JX.

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	<p>Council Tax Technical Changes 2022 to 2023 This item has been removed from the Decisions Plan as there is no decision to make. There are no Council Tax Technical Changes for the 2022 to 2023 year.</p>				Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	
07/12/21 (deferred from 09/11/21)	<p>Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2022 to 2023 The Cabinet will be asked to consider proposals for potential revisions to the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme prior to</p>	Not applicable	(R) – Council 14/12/21	Cabinet/ Council	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Report to Cabinet with recommendations to Council.

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	seeking its approval by Council.						
07/12/21	<p>Delivering a Sustainable Budget 2022 to 2023 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022 to 2026</p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee for recommending to Council on proposals for achieving a sustainable budget in 2022 to 2023 and in the medium term.</p>	Not applicable	(R) – Council 14/12/21	Cabinet/ Council	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet and Council.

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07/12/21	<p>Financial Resilience Report – September 2021</p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider the recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee regarding seeking approval for the Financial Resilience activities between 1 April 2021 and 30 September 2021.</p>	Not applicable	(R) – Council 14/12/21	Cabinet / Council	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet and Council.
07/12/21	<p>Revenues Collection Performance and Write Offs</p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider writing-off outstanding</p>	Exempt appendices: paragraphs 1 and 2	(KD)	Cabinet	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Report to Cabinet with exempt appendices.

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	debts, as detailed in the exempt appendices.						
07/12/21 (new)	<p>Housing Priorities: Progress Update Following a detailed review, the Cabinet will be asked to approve and/or note the following in relation to Housing, one of the Council's key strategic priorities:</p> <p>1. an addendum to the Housing Strategy 2018-2023 and that its life be extended to 2024</p>	Not applicable	(D)	Cabinet	<p>Sara Mildmay-White Housing and Strategic Health 01359 270580</p> <p>Andy Drummond Regulatory and Environment 07710 027343</p> <p>Susan Glossop Growth 01284 728377</p>	<p>Julie Baird Director (Planning and Growth) 01284 757613</p> <p>Jen Eves Director (HR, Governance and Regulatory) 01284 757015</p> <p>Davina Howes Director (Families and Communities) 01284 757070</p>	Report to Cabinet with several appendices attached.

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	<p>2. the revised Housing Strategy Implementation Plan</p> <p>3. note progress against the Housing Delivery Action Plan</p> <p>4. note progress against the Homelessness Reduction and Rough Sleeping Strategy Delivery Plan.</p>				David Roach Planning 07889 510003		
07/12/21 (new)	<p>Barley Homes Business Plan 2021</p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider a new business plan for Barley Homes and</p>	Exempt appendices: paragraph 3	(KD) This could potentially lead to a recommend-	Cabinet (and potentially Council)	Sara Mildmay-White Housing and Strategic Health 01359 270580	Julie Baird Director (Planning and Growth) 01284 757613	Report to Cabinet with exempt appendices, with potential recommendations to Council.

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	potential associated funding requests. Although it is anticipated to be a key decision of Cabinet, this may require a recommendation to Council for approval.		ation to Council on 14/12/21, depending on whether a significant increase in budget is required.				
07/12/21 (new)	Arrangements for the Appointment of External Auditors for West Suffolk Council The Cabinet will be asked to consider and recommend to Council, the recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee in respect	Not applicable	(R) – Council 14/12/21	Cabinet / Council	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet and Council.

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	of the proposed arrangements for appointing external auditors to audit the accounts of West Suffolk Council. Such arrangements include the consideration of whether West Suffolk Council should 'opt in' to the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) audit regime.						
08/02/22 (deferred from 11/01/22)	Applications for Community Chest 2022 to 2023 The Cabinet will be asked to consider the recommendations of	Not applicable	(KD); however, some funding allocations may be	Cabinet	Robert Everitt Families and Communities 01284 769000	Davina Howes Director (Families and Communities) 01284 757070	Recommendations of the West Suffolk Grant Working Party to Cabinet.

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	the West Suffolk Grant Working Party in respect of the levels of funding (if any) to be awarded to applicants to the Community Chest funding scheme for 2022 to 2023 and in some cases, 2023 to 2024.		subject to the budget setting process.				
08/02/22	<p>Delivering a Sustainable Budget 2022 to 2023 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022 to 2026</p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider recommendations of</p>	Not applicable	<p>(R) – Council 22/02/22</p> <p>Unless separate proposals are recommended by</p>	Cabinet	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet and Council.

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	the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee for recommending to Council on proposals for achieving a sustainable budget in 2022 to 2023 and in the medium term.		Cabinet, consideration by Council will take place as part of the separate budget setting paper on 22/02/22				
08/02/22	<p>Budget and Council Tax Setting 2022 to 2023 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022 to 2026</p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider the proposals for the 2021 to 2022 budget and</p>	Not applicable	<p>(R) – Council 22/02/22</p> <p>Unless separate proposals are recommended by Cabinet,</p>	Cabinet/ Council	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Report to Cabinet with recommendations to Council.

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	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022 to 2026 for West Suffolk Council, prior to its approval by Council. This report includes the Minimum Revenues Provision (MRP) Policy and Prudential Indicators.		consideration by Council will take place as part of the separate budget setting paper on 22/02/22				
08/02/22	Financial Resilience - Strategy Statement 2022 to 2023 and Treasury Management Code of Practice The Cabinet will be asked to recommend to Council, approval of	Not applicable	(R) – Council 22/02/22	Cabinet/ Council	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet and Council.

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	the Strategy Statement 2022 to 2023 and Treasury Management Code of Practice for West Suffolk Council, which must be undertaken before the start of each financial year.						
08/02/22	<p>Financial Resilience Report – December 2021</p> <p>The Cabinet will be asked to consider the recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee regarding seeking approval for the Financial Resilience</p>	Not applicable	(R) – Council 22/02/22	Cabinet / Council	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Recommendations of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet and Council.

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	activities between 1 April 2021 and 31 December 2021.						
15/03/22	Revenues Collection Performance and Write Offs The Cabinet will be asked to consider writing-off outstanding debts, as detailed in the exempt appendices.	Exempt appendices: paragraphs 1 and 2	(KD)	Cabinet	Sarah Broughton Resources and Property 07929 305787	Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245	Report to Cabinet with exempt appendices.

Note 1: Definition of exempt information and relevant paragraphs of the Local Government Act 1972

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:

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 definition

A key decision is an executive decision that either:

- a. Results in new expenditure, or a reduced income or savings of more than £100k in any one year that has not otherwise been included in the Council's revenue or capital budgets.
- b. Comprises or includes the making, approval or publication of a draft or final scheme, which is not a routine business decision, that may require, either directly or in the event of objections, the approval of a Minister of the Crown.
- c. Results in the formation of a new company, limited liability partnership or joint venture.
- d. Has a potentially detrimental impact on communities outside of West Suffolk District.
- e. Is a decision that is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in a definable local community in the District, or on one or more wards, in that it will:
 - i. Have a long-term, lasting impact on that community; or
 - ii. Restrict the ability of individual businesses or residents in that area to undertake particular activities; or
 - iii. Removes the provision of a service or facility for that community; or
 - iv. Increases the charges payable by members of the community to provide a service or facility by more than 5%; or
 - v. Have the potential to create significant local controversy or reputational damage to the Council
- f. A matter that the decision maker considers to be a key decision.
- g. Any matters that fall under the scope of e. above must be subject to consultation with the local Member(s) in Wards that are likely to be impacted by the decision prior to the decision being made.

Note 3: Membership of bodies making key decisions

a. Membership of West Suffolk Council's Cabinet and their portfolios

Cabinet Member	Portfolio
John Griffiths	Leader of the Council
Sara Mildmay-White	Deputy Leader of the Council and Housing and Strategic Health
Sarah Broughton	Portfolio Holder for Resources and Property
Carol Bull	Portfolio Holder for Governance
Andy Drummond	Portfolio Holder for Regulatory and Environment
Robert Everitt	Portfolio Holder for Families and Communities
Susan Glossop	Portfolio Holder for Growth
Jo Rayner	Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Community Hubs
David Roach	Portfolio Holder for Planning
Peter Stevens	Portfolio Holder for Operations

b. Membership of the Anglia Revenues Partnership Joint Committee (made up of Breckland Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, East Suffolk Council, Fenland District Council and West Suffolk Council)

Member Council	Full representative	Substitute representative
Breckland	Philip Cowen	Sam Chapman-Allen and Paul Claussen
East Cambridgeshire	David Ambrose-Smith	David Brown and Joshua Schumann
East Suffolk	Maurice Cook	To be confirmed
Fenland	Jan French	David Connor and Kim French
West Suffolk	Sarah Broughton	Sara Mildmay-White

Jennifer Eves
Director (Human Resources, Governance and Regulatory)
Date: 5 November 2021