

Cabinet referrals to Council

Report number:	CAB/WS/24/028	
Report to and dates	Cabinet	9 July 2024
	Council	16 July 2024
Cabinet members:	Councillor Indy Wijenayaka: Portfolio Holder for Growth Councillor Richard O’Driscoll: Portfolio Holder for Housing Councillor Ian Shipp: Portfolio Holder for Leisure Councillor Diane Hind: Portfolio Holder for Resources	
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Decisions Plan: The decision made as a result of this report will usually be published within 48 hours. The four items detailed in this report have been included separately on the Decisions Plan; however, subject to the decision taken by Cabinet as set out in the recommendation below, all four items will be referred to Council for decision and, will therefore, not be subject to call-in.

Wards impacted: All wards

Recommendation: That Cabinet agrees that full reports for decisions on the delivery of:

1. **Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Centre Project (AME)**
2. **Housing Related Support**
3. **Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre**
4. **Olding Road, Bury St Edmunds: Options Appraisal**

will be referred directly to Council on 16 July 2024.

1. Context and proposal

- 1.1 Arising from the announcement that a parliamentary election would be taking place on the 4 July 2024, the previously arranged meeting of Cabinet (25 June 2024) fell during the pre-election period. Following advice, it was agreed that the meeting would be moved to a date after the election, 9 July 2024.
- 1.2 A number of items due to be considered by Cabinet at that meeting also require the onward consideration of Council. The Summons for Council on 16 July together with reports must normally be published by no later than 8 July 2024 which is prior to the meeting of Cabinet. This means it will not be possible to reflect the outcome of the Cabinet's debate in the versions of the reports which will already have been published for the Council meeting.
- 1.3 For ease of administration and to avoid any confusion or late information, it has therefore been proposed by the Leader that Cabinet will recommend the referral of the following four items, without debate, to Council on 16 July 2024.
 - 1. Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Centre Project**
 - 2. Housing Related Support**
 - 3. Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre**
 - 4. Olding Road, Bury St Edmunds: Options Appraisal**
- 1.4 This proposed approach does not alter the intended decision date and will ensure full transparency of the recommendations to Council while meeting the statutory deadline for publishing Council papers and avoiding the need for late papers or updates.
- 1.5 The reports to Council in respect of the above four items will contain recommendation(s) from the relevant Portfolio Holder supported by the Leader of the Council having consulted with their Cabinet colleagues.

2. Alternative options that have been considered

- 2.1 In the context of what is being agreed in this report, and the wish of Cabinet to avoid late information and any overlap between publication and meeting dates, an alternative option would be to delay consideration of the updates until later scheduled meetings of Cabinet and/or Council or hold extraordinary meetings. In the case of the former, this could risk delay to the projects and/or additional costs. In the case of the latter, this is felt to be unnecessary by the Leader and Portfolio Holder because they are content that all councillors receiving and considering the reports at the same scheduled meeting in July is the most inclusive and efficient way to progress these particular matters. Councillors are also encouraged to raise any issues or questions before the meeting.

3. Consultation and engagement undertaken

- 3.1 In relation to what is being agreed in this report, consultation has taken place with the members of the Cabinet to ensure they are content to waive their own constitutional right to debate the papers.

4. Risks associated with the proposals

- 4.1 A risk appraisal for the projects will be contained in main report to Council. In relation to what is being agreed in this report, there are not regarded to be any risks since Cabinet itself is content to receive the reports at the same time as all councillors, and there is no change to the ultimate decision-taker or intended decision-date.

5. Implications arising from the proposals

- 5.1 None – see sections above.

6. Appendices referenced in this report

- 6.1 None

7. Background documents associated with this report

- 7.1 None