

Cabinet



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Title of Report:	Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 17 December 2014	
Report No:	CAB/SE/15/001	
Report to and date:	Cabinet	10 February 2015
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Purpose of report:	On 17 December 2014, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following items: (1) Car Park Tariffs 2015/16; (2) Decisions Plan: December 2014 to May 2015; and (3) Work Programme Update and Suggestions for Scrutiny	
Recommendation:	The Cabinet is requested to <u>NOTE</u> the content of Report CAB/SE/15/001, being the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	
Key Decision: <i>(Check the appropriate box and delete all those that do not apply.)</i>	<p><i>Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition?</i></p> <p>Yes, it is a Key Decision - <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No, it is not a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Report for information only.</p>	
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			
Ward(s) affected:		All Wards	
Background papers: <i>(all background papers are to be published on the website and a link included)</i>		Report OAS/SE/14/001 – Car Park Tariffs 2015/16; Report OAS/SE/14/002 – Decisions Plan December 2014 to May 2015; and Report OAS/SE/14/003 - Work Programme Update and Suggestions for Scrutiny All considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 17 December 2014	
Documents attached:		None	

1. Key issues and reasons for recommendation

1.1 Car Park Tariffs 2015/16 (Report No: OAS/SE/14/001)

1.1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report which referred to Cabinet Report D223 (12 December 2012), which recommended that the Committee receives a report each year outlining recommendations from Officers for changes to car park tariffs, including supporting evidence and justification for changes. The resulting recommendations would be considered by the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee as part of the budget setting process at its meeting on 29 January 2015.

1.1.2 Members were informed of the proposed recommendations and the justifications for change, which was in line with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's review carried out in 2012.

1.1.3 The Committee examined the proposed recommendations in detail and asked questions of officers who provided comprehensive responses. In particular discussions were held on:

- (1) The current "Free from 3" parking initiative which had been introduced as a trial in an attempt to increase footfall and revenue to traders in Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill on quieter trading days and was not intended for busy days. Members representing Haverhill felt that the "Free from 3" was not making a difference in increasing footfall on Fridays and suggested that this be reviewed as part of the full parking review in June 2015.
- (2) The National standard used in calculating the number of disabled spaces required. The Car Parks Manager informed Members he was happy to visit car parks and work with ward members who had particular concerns about disabled parking.
- (3) The cost of using Ringo, which would be reviewed alongside the tariff structures for 2015.
- (4) The talks taking place between the Council and West Suffolk College in promoting public transport to students to resolve parking issues since the College had introduced charging.

1.1.4 The Committee **NOTED** the proposed recommendations which were subsequently presented to the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee on 29 January 2015, as part of the budget setting process.

1.2 Decisions Plan: December 2014 to May 2015 (Report No: OAS/SE/14/002)

1.2.1 The Committee considered the latest Decisions Plan, covering the period December 2014 to May 2015. Members reviewed the Decisions Plan in detail and asked a number of questions to which officers duly responded.

1.2.2 The Committee did not collectively request any involvement in any of the expected decisions on this occasion, and there being no decision required,

NOTED the contents of the report.

1.3 **Work Programme Update and Suggestions for Scrutiny (Report No: OAS/SE/14/003)**

1.3.1 The Committee has a rolling work programme, whereby suggestions for scrutiny reviews are brought to each meeting, and if accepted, are timetabled to report to a future meeting. The work programme also leaves space for Call-ins and Councillor Calls for Action.

1.3.2 The Committee considered two suggestion for scrutiny forms which had been submitted proposing:

- (a) a review of Shared Services to ensure there was no negative impact on users and that the joint service was fit for purpose; and
- (b) a review of the Leader and Cabinet Model at St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

1.3.3 A lengthy debate on the two issues was held, and taking into account information provided by Members, the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Performance and the officers, the Committee resolved that:

- (1) a Member Learning and Development Session on the Shared Services model and corporate working practices be arranged to take place prior to the elections in May 2015; and
- (2) the operation of the Leader and Cabinet Model be incorporated within the Member Learning and Development Session to be arranged to take place prior to the elections in May 2015 in respect of the issues arising from the two scrutiny suggestions.