

Special Council



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Title of Report:	Schedule of Referrals from Cabinet	
Report No:	COU/SE/15/016	
Report to and date:	Special Council	25 March 2015
Documents attached:	Appendix A: Report No: CAB/SE/15/021 Suffolk Business Park/Eastern Relief Road, Bury St Edmunds: Update TO FOLLOW Appendix B: Report No: CAB/SE/15/022 Transfer of Land to Suffolk County Council for New High School at Moreton Hall, Bury St Edmunds TO FOLLOW	

(A) Referrals from Special Cabinet: 24 February 2015

1. Suffolk Business Park Land Assembly

Cabinet Member: Cllr John Griffiths

Report No:
CAB/SE/15/016

The recommendations emanating from the Cabinet's consideration of this report are contained within Report No: COU/SE/15/016, 'Suffolk Business Park Land Assembly', which has already been considered as Agenda Item 4 on this special full Council agenda.

(B) Referrals from Cabinet: 24 March 2015

(This section (B) has been compiled before the meeting of the Cabinet on 24 March 2015 and is based on the recommendations contained within the relevant reports. Any amendments made by the Cabinet to the recommendations will be notified following the meeting of the Cabinet and circulated by email to full Council accordingly.)

1. Suffolk Business Park/Eastern Relief Road, Bury St Edmunds: Update

Cabinet Member: Cllr John Griffiths

Report No:
CAB/SE/15/021

At the time of distribution of these Special Council papers, the Cabinet report relating to this item (CAB/SE/15/021) was also yet to be published. Once available and for ease of reference, the full Cabinet report **will follow** as Appendix A to this report.

2. Transfer of Land to Suffolk County Council for New High School at Moreton Hall, Bury St Edmunds

Cabinet Member: Cllr Peter Stevens

Report No:
CAB/SE/15/022

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3. Public Service Village Phase II: Update and Next Phase

Cabinet Member: Cllr John Griffiths

Report No:
CAB/SE/15/023

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the progress of the Public Service Village Phase II (PSVII) Bury St Edmunds project, be noted;**
- (2) £200,000 be allocated from earmarked reserves (Delivering our Strategic Priorities and Medium Term Financial Strategy Reserve) to underwrite the appointment of project management, legal, property and other specialists including architectural expertise, as detailed in Section 1.3 of Report No: CAB/SE/15/023; and**
- (3) the Head of Planning and Growth, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be given delegated authority to negotiate Heads of Terms for a joint venture with the owners of the NHS distribution unit, and partnership agreements with potential occupiers of PSVII, as detailed in Section 1.1.7 of Report No: CAB/SE/15/023.**

The Public Service Village concept was approved and adopted by the Council in 2006. In agreeing to progressing Phase II, the Council at it's meeting on 16 December 2014, agreed a budget of £100,000 to appoint consultants to review the adopted Masterplan, appoint Project

Management resources, and Legal and Property advisors to help formulate the project and ensure that the Council obtains Best Consideration.

Good progress is being made with signing up with potential partners to occupying the Olding Road site. The activities approved at the December meeting are also at an advanced stage to provide confidence to take the project to the next stage sooner than expected. To deliver the next stage more permanent arrangements need to be put in place requiring the Council to commit a further £200,000 towards underwriting the continued appointment of legal, property, architectural, project management and other expertise to help progress this initiative to immediately accommodate a partner organisation on site and develop plans to advance proposals with other parties for other parts of the site. These initial costs will be recovered from partner organisations once formal commitments have been made.

The Public Service Village Phase II proposal has generated a great deal of interest with various public sector partners. It is therefore important that the momentum of this project is maintained and therefore the Head of Planning and Growth would like to be granted delegated authority to continue these discussions to a point where they can be formulated into Heads of Terms and incorporated in a joint venture or partnership and developer agreement. It is proposed that this delegation would be used in consultation with the Leader of the Council.