

# Cabinet



*St Edmundsbury*  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 10 June 2015</b>	
<b>Report No:</b>	<b>CAB/SE/15/037</b>	
<b>Report to and date:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>	23 June 2015
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<b>Purpose of report:</b>	On 10 June 2015, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following items:  (1) Joint Anglia Revenues Partnership Debt Management and Recovery Policy;  (2) Review of Christmas Fayre;  (3) Decisions Plan: June 2015 to May 2016; and  (4) Work Programme Update, Re-appointments to Task and Finish Groups and Suffolk Health Scrutiny Committee  A separate report is included on this Cabinet Agenda for Item <b>(1)</b> above.	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>The Cabinet is requested to <u>NOTE</u> the content of Report CAB/SE/15/037, being the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</b>	

<b>Key Decision:</b> <i>(Check the appropriate box and delete all those that <b>do not</b> apply.)</i>		<i>Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition?</i> Yes, it is a Key Decision - <input type="checkbox"/> No, it is not a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  Report for information only.	
<b>Consultation:</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Reports listed under background papers below</li> </ul>	
<b>Alternative option(s):</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Reports listed under background papers below</li> </ul>	
<b>Implications:</b>			
<i>Are there any <b>financial</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Reports listed under background papers below</li> </ul>	
<i>Are there any <b>staffing</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Reports listed under background papers below</li> </ul>	
<i>Are there any <b>ICT</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Reports listed under background papers below</li> </ul>	
<i>Are there any <b>legal and/or policy</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Reports listed under background papers below</li> </ul>	
<i>Are there any <b>equality</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Reports listed under background papers below</li> </ul>	
<b>Risk/opportunity assessment:</b>		<i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>	
<b>Risk area</b>	<b>Inherent level of risk</b> (before controls)	<b>Controls</b>	<b>Residual risk</b> (after controls)
See Reports listed under background papers below			
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>		All Wards	
<b>Background papers:</b> <i>(all background papers are to be published on the website and a link included)</i>		<a href="#">Report OAS/SE/15/007</a> – Review of Christmas Fayre  <a href="#">Report OAS/SE/15/008</a> – Decisions Plan: June 2015 to May 2016  <a href="#">Report OAS/SE/15/009</a> – Work Programme Update, Re-appointments to Task and Finish Groups and Suffolk Health Scrutiny Committee	
<b>Documents attached:</b>		None	

## **1. Key issues and reasons for recommendation**

### **1.1 Review of Christmas Fayre (Report No: OAS/SE/15/007)**

- 1.1.1 The Committee received Report No: OAS/SE/15/007, which sought the establishment of a Task and Finish Group to conduct a review into delivery of the Bury St Edmunds Christmas Fayre 2016 and adopt a five year operational plan.
- 1.1.2 The Christmas Fayre had developed from a small event with a small amount of resources to an event which attracted over 120,000 visitors to Bury St Edmunds over a four day period. As the event was now in its twelfth year it was considered that a formal review of the event was opportune.
- 1.1.3 It was proposed that a Task and Finish Group be established comprising of six Members from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee along with two officers in support, and would include:
- Finance (resources needed for an event this size);
  - Governance (terms of reference to be agreed by the Task and Finish Group);
  - Information from the Consultation/Focus group (an independent focus group of partners be established for the long-term strategic direction of the event); and
  - Operational issues (health and safety/parking/park and ride service/communications and marketing).
- 1.1.4 The Committee considered the report in detail and asked a number of questions to which officers duly responded, and **RESOLVED that Councillors Terry Buckle, Patrick Chung, Jeremy Farthing, Richard Rout, Clive Springett and Frank Warby be nominated to sit on the Christmas Fayre Task and Finish Group to review the Christmas Fayre and adopt a five year operational plan.**

### **1.2 Decisions Plan: June 2015 to May 2016 (Report No: OAS/SE/15/008)**

- 1.2.1 The Committee considered the Cabinet's Decisions Plan for the period June 2015 to May 2016. Members reviewed the Decisions Plan in detail and asked a number of questions to which officers and the Portfolio for Planning and Growth duly responded.
- 1.2.2 In particular, discussions were held on the West Suffolk Operational Hub and the Local Housing Investment Options. Members felt that both projects might benefit from joint involvement by pre-scrutinising the two projects with Forest Heath District Council prior to any final decisions being made by Cabinet.
- 1.2.3 The Committee **RESOLVED that the following items from the Decisions Plan be considered jointly with Forest Heath District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee prior to being considered by Cabinet:**

#### **(1) West Suffolk Operational Hub: Business Case; and**

## **(2) Local Housing Investment Options.**

### **1.3 Work Programme Update, Re-appointments to Task and Finish Groups and Suffolk Health Scrutiny Committee (Report No: OAS/SE/15/009)**

#### **1.3.1 Task and Finish Groups**

The Committee considered the current Joint Task and Finish Group running, being the New Housing Development Sites (Joint Scrutiny Review). The Joint Task and Finish Group had been set up with Forest Heath's Overview and Scrutiny Committee to "*Jointly review the unacceptable length of time taken by housing developers to bring highways, footpaths and community facilities (landscaping/open-space/drainage/sustainable urban drainage) up to adoption standards on new developments*".

#### **1.3.2 The Committee **RESOLVED** that Councillor Jim Thorndyke; Diane Hind and Angela Rushen be re-appointed/appointed to the New Housing Development Sites Joint Task and Finish Group.**

#### **1.3.3 Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny**

Members were made aware of Suffolk County Council's reinstatement of its Health Scrutiny Committee. This body included a representative from each of the County's districts and boroughs.

#### **1.3.4 The Committee considered the report and nominated Councillor Tim Marks as the Borough Council's nominated representative on the Suffolk Heath Scrutiny Committee for 2015-2016. The Committee **RECOMMENDS** that full Council be asked to confirm the appointment of Councillor Tim Marks to the Suffolk Health Scrutiny Committee for 2015-2016.**

#### **1.3.5 Work Programme**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committees 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.

#### **1.3.6 The Chairman raised the issue of Dog Fouling and suggested the Committee might wish to receive an initial report at its July 2015 meeting to find out why it was difficult to fine offenders; initiatives; changes in legislation such as the requirement for dogs to be micro-chipped by April 2016; to consider what was currently being done in an effort to combat dog fouling to then be able to see what the Committee or a Joint Task and Finish Group with Forest Heath District Council might be able to recommend going forward.**

#### **1.3.7 The Committee **RESOLVED** that an initial report be included on the Committee's Work Programme for 22 July 2015 to consider the general issue of dog fouling; why it was difficult to fine offenders; changes in legislation such as the requirement for dogs to be micro-chipped by April 2016; current initiatives and options available to the Council to combat dog fouling.**