

7 MARCH 2019



SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

WEEK ENDING 8 MARCH 2019

**DECISIONS BY THE CABINET
CALL IN DEADLINE 5.00 PM ON 14 MARCH 2019**

The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet and will come into effect on 15 March 2019 unless the call-in procedure is activated:

(For clarity, where an item is 'to be noted', 'received' or recommended to Council for a decision, this is deemed not to be a formal Executive decision and so the call-in provisions will not apply).

Report Title / Ref No: Asset Divestment / Disposal – Two Play Areas, Felixstowe
(CAB 14/19)

Decision Made by Cabinet:

1. That the freehold of land known as Allenby Park (outlined in red at Appendix C) be transferred to Felixstowe Town Council at nil value. The Town Council will be responsible for all management and maintenance costs on confirmation of the transfer.
2. That the freehold of land known as Gosford Way/Ferry Road (outlined in red at Appendix D) be transferred to Felixstowe Town Council at nil value. The Town Council will be responsible for all management and maintenance costs on confirmation of the transfer.
3. That the budget of £63,000 ex VAT identified in the 2018/2019 capital plan can be allocated to the cost of replacing the dilapidated play equipment, as a condition of the transfer. That the book value of £53,000 ex VAT currently attributable to the Ferry Road/Gosford Way park be written down in the Suffolk Coastal District Council accounts, post completion.

Reason for Decision:

The transfer of these land parcels to the Felixstowe Town Council will assist it to meet the aspirations of its residents and provide an ongoing opportunity for it to enhance the provision of play and amenity at a local level. It also results in an ongoing revenue saving to SCDC whilst protecting its interest in any future uplift in value resulting from a change of use.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: None.

Any Declarations of Interest declared:

Councillor Smith declared a Local Non Pecuniary Interest as a member of Felixstowe Town Council.

Any Dispensation Granted: None.

Report Title / Ref No: East Suffolk MYGO Youth Employment Service (CAB 15/19)

Decision Made by Cabinet:

That the procurement of a contractor to deliver the East Suffolk MYGO Youth Employment Service, currently up to the value of £120k per year for two years, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

Addressing young people who are NEET is a key issue for East Suffolk. Successfully addressing this challenge not only benefits the individual but also the wider east Suffolk area in terms of supporting local employers operating within a very tight labour market and also improving local communities where youth unemployment is prevalent.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

Direct delivery of an east Suffolk youth employment service through the employment of dedicated officers by the East Suffolk Councils was considered, however early market testing indicated that due to the knowledge, experience and infrastructure that would be provided through a specialist service provider this would create a more viable service and one where more funding could be directed at service delivery. Many of these potential providers within East Suffolk are within the community and voluntary sector and therefore the awarding of this contract has the potential to create an enabling effect on these community based groups.

Any Declarations of Interest declared:

Councillor Holdcroft declared a Local Non Pecuniary Interest, as Governor of the Seckford Foundation and Chairman of the Community Benefits Committee. Councillor Holdcroft added that the Committee had responsibility for grant funding and care of apprentices. At a recent Committee meeting in January 2019 it was reported that Seckford Foundation was receiving an increasing number of referrals for its service since the demise of the Suffolk County Council MYGO service and would be looking to work with others in the community voluntary sector to how best to support those disadvantaged young people.

Any Dispensation Granted: None.

Report Title / Ref No: Adoption of the Private Sector Housing Strategy & Associated Policies (CAB 16/19)

Decision Made by Cabinet:

That the Private Sector Housing Strategy and associated policies be adopted.

Reason for Decision:

To agree priorities for that service area to 2023.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

Not having a Strategy could lead to a loss of focus for the service area and a return to a service that is wholly responsive rather than proactively focussed on priority areas.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None.

Any Dispensation Granted: None.

Report Title / Ref No: Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government External Funding to Prevent Homelessness (CAB 17/19)

Decision Made by Cabinet:

1. That the application to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for funding for the following service expansion/initiatives:
 - a) MHCLG Domestic Abuse Funding County wide up to £270,000.00
 - b) MHCLG Private Rented Access Fund up to £340,000.00
 - c) MHCLG Rough Sleeper Initiative Funding up to £220,000

be approved.

2. That an exemption from the Contract Procedure Rules and authority to officers to enter into Contracts with current Service Providers for the following services
 - a) MHCLG Domestic Abuse Funding County wide up to £270,000.00
 - b) MHCLG Private Rented Access Fund up to £340,000.00
 - c) MHCLG Rough Sleeper Initiative Funding – Up to £220,000

be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To enable SCDC to accept the grant funding provided and to expand the services provided to the homeless.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

Not applying for the funding; tendering the contracts.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None.

Any Dispensation Granted: None.

Report Title / Ref No: Local Planning Enforcement Plan (CAB 18/19)

Decision Made by Cabinet:

That the new Local Planning Enforcement Plan be agreed for formal adoption.

Reason for Decision:

To provide guidance for officers, members of the public and developers on how the Council will carry out its function of enforcing planning control.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

To not have a Local Planning Enforcement Plan and base decision making on existing local and national planning policy.

Any Declarations of Interest declared:

Councillor Holdcroft stated that at a recent Planning Committee meeting the Committee reviewed the proposed Local Planning Enforcement Plan and recommended its adoption by the Cabinet as the Policy for the new East Suffolk Council.

Any Dispensation Granted: None.

Report Title / Ref No: The Use of the Government's Community Housing Fund in SCDC – Proposed Scheme with Peninsula Villages Community Land Trust at School Lane, Bawdsey (CAB 19/19) (Exempt Report)

Decision Made by Cabinet:

This is an exempt report.

Reason for Decision:

As set out within the report.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

As set out within the report.

Any Declarations of Interest declared:

Any Dispensation Granted: None.

**DECISIONS BY INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBERS
CALL IN DEADLINE 5.00 PM ON 14 MARCH 2019**

No decisions were taken by individual Cabinet Members this week.

**DECISIONS BY INDIVIDUAL AUTHORISED OFFICERS
IN RESPECT OF KEY DECISIONS
CALL IN DEADLINE 5.00 PM ON 14 MARCH 2019**

No decisions were taken by individual authorised officers this week.

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