



**DECISION NOTICE FOR THE
SHADOW CABINET MEETING OF THE EAST
SUFFOLK SHADOW AUTHORITY
HELD ON
MONDAY 10 DECEMBER 2018**

Call-in period:

Thursday, 13 December 2018 to Wednesday, 19 December 2018

Implementation Date:

Thursday 20 December 2018

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

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Cabinet Areas	The Cabinet Members with responsibility for Resources of SCDC and WDC
Title of Report	Draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019/20 – 2022/23
Report Reference	(REP14 (SH))

Purpose of Report

The Medium Term Financial Strategy provides a baseline forecast of income and expenditure and looks at the overall financial climate. It provides a framework within which the Council's overall spending plans will be developed. At the end of the 2019/20 budget process, in February 2019, the new East Suffolk Council is required to approve a balanced budget for the following financial year and set the Band D rate of Council Tax. The report sets out the context and initial parameters in order to achieve that objective and contribute towards a sustainable position going into the major changes now planned for the medium term.

Reason for Decision

To approve an updated Medium Term Financial Strategy, taking account of new and revised risks in order that the Council will be able to set a balanced budget that delivers its priorities for the period under review 2019/20 to 2022/23.

SHADOW CABINET DECISIONS:

1. That the draft Medium Term Financial Strategy attached as Appendix B to report REP 14(SH) be approved; and
2. That Members and Officers develop proposals to set a balanced budget for 2019/20 and beyond be approved.

Declarations of Interest

None

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Cabinet Areas	The Cabinet Members with responsibility for Resources of SCDC and WDC, and the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing of SCDC
Title of Report	Council Tax Care Leaver Discount
Report Reference	(REP15 (SH))

Purpose of Report	
To consider a policy for awarding Council Tax discount for those under 25 years of age previously under the care of Suffolk County Council.	
Reason for Decision	
To provide a discount to support East Suffolk's duty to assist in re-housing/securing support for Care Leavers.	
SHADOW CABINET DECISIONS:	
That the policy for awarding discounts set out in Appendix A to report REP 15(S) be approved for implementation from 1 April 2019.	
Declarations of Interest	None

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Cabinet Areas	The Cabinet Members with responsibility for Resources of SCDC and WDC
Title of Report	Fees and Charges for 2019/20
Report Reference	(REP16 (SH))

Purpose of Report	
Income from fees and charges is an integral part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, generating essential funding for the Council to help minimise Council Tax increases and/or service reductions. It is vital to ensure that charges reflect any changes in costs or demands, that have either already occurred, or are expected to occur over the next year. In addition, the financial constraints currently faced by the Council make it essential to ensure its income from fees and charges is consistent with the East Suffolk Business Plan and relevant central Government legislation.	

Reason for Decision

To set the Council’s fees and charges from 1 April 2019.

SHADOW CABINET DECISIONS:

1. That the Discretionary Fees and Charges set out in Appendix A to REP16 (SH), for implementation from 1 April 2019, be approved, subject to the following changes, on pages 57 and 58:
 - Sex Establishments – initial grant – should read £2,000
 - Sex Establishments – annual fee – should read £1,700
 - Disclosure and Barring Checks / set by Disclosure and Barring Service – should read £44.00
 - DVLA checks / Set by DVLA – should read £5.00
 - Vehicle ID plate initial charge (with bracket) – should read £28.00
 - Vehicle ID plate renewal charges – should read £16.00
 - Premises licences (Gambling Act 2005)
 - i. Premises Licence fee (new applications) – should read £1,500
 - ii. Premises Licence fee (annual fees) – should read £600
 - iii. Miscellaneous Fees (applications to vary) – should read £1,000
 - iv. Miscellaneous Fees (applications to transfer) – should read £950
2. That the level of the fees and charges set by statute and the timing of any increase in these, as set out in Appendix B to REP16 (SH), be noted.

Declarations of Interest	None
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