

# **CABINET DECISION NOTICES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018**

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Friday, 16 March 2018**

**Call-in period:  
Monday, 19 March 2018 to  
Friday, 23 March 2018**

**Implementation Date:  
Monday, 26 March 2018**

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

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## CABINET DECISION NOTICE

<b>Cabinet Area</b>	Merger & Communities
<b>Title of Report</b>	Service Level Agreements for 2018/19
<b>Report Reference</b>	REP1606

### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the Service Level Agreements with partner organisations in order to support the most vulnerable communities within Waveney, who are most in need of the Council's support.

### **Options Considered**

For the Council not to provide an SLA/Grant budget. This was rejected on the basis that the Council, acting in its community leadership role, recognises the need to provide services to its diverse communities and promote access to services for all. It further resolved that it would actually prove to be more expensive were the Council to deliver these services itself.

A reduction in funding allocation to the main recipient organisations occurred in 2012/13. It has been decided for the last five years to maintain the current level of funding, due to increased demand resulting from changes to Housing Benefits Regulations, the introduction of Universal Credit, and the current economic climate and its effect on families. It is advised that for 2018-19 that the current level of funding is maintained to these organisations.

### **Reasons for Decision**

The East Suffolk Communities Team have reviewed the EqIA process by scoping and sourcing information relating to the current priorities and needs of the local citizens and communities and trying to anticipate (or future proof) future demands and needs.

By working in partnership with the identified organisations through granting further SLAs, the Council will be better placed to meet its priorities, outcomes and targets through these organisations by delivering services to local communities. It is recognised that these preferred partners are better placed with the capacity and expertise to deliver effective services on the Council's behalf. The SLA/grants will ensure that direct support is provided to citizens and local communities and specific targets and outcomes will be agreed with service providers to include cross-cutting work e.g. volunteer support and provision, support to protected characteristic groups through improved understanding of cultures and beliefs, support to some of the Districts most vulnerable citizens, provision and support to the Waveney Disability Forum, and extended service provision in rural areas to meet the needs of older and young community groups.

**CABINET DECISIONS:**

1. That the process of identifying and awarding one year SLAs with Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Organisations to 31 March 2019, as outlined in Appendix A, be noted.
2. That one year Service Level Agreements (SLAs) to 31 March 2019, as outlined in Appendix A for DIAL and ACT be approved.
3. That the two year Grant Agreement with NES CAB to 31st March 2019 and approved previously by Cabinet, in line with an agreement to slice the yearly grant as part of a five year agreement supporting the purchase of St. Margaret's House as their new headquarters be noted.
4. That the two year grant agreement with the Association for Suffolk Museums to 31st March 2019 and approved previously by Cabinet be approved.
5. That the Cabinet Member for Merger and Communities be awarded delegated authority to allocate any remaining ring-fenced funding to VCS Organisations through further SLAs once identified, providing this addresses any gaps in services identified through the EqIA process and to support delivery of the East Suffolk Business Plan key priorities, be approved.
6. That the work of the East Suffolk Communities Team supported by the Procurement Team, to exempt Access Community Trust from Contract Procedure Rules be noted.

<b>Declarations of Interest / Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
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## CABINET DECISION NOTICE

<b>Cabinet Area</b>	Resources
<b>Title of Report</b>	Treasury Management and Investment Strategy for 2018/19
<b>Report Reference</b>	REP1601

<p><b>Purpose of Report</b></p> <p>To consider the approval of the Treasury Management Policy Statement, the Treasury Management &amp; Investment Strategy for 2018-19 and the Prudential Indicators for 2018/19.</p>	
<p><b>Options Considered</b></p> <p>None. The Council is required to approve its Treasury Management &amp; Investment Strategy on an annual basis.</p>	
<p><b>Reason for Decision</b></p> <p>The Local Government Act 2003 requires the Council to set out its Treasury Strategy for borrowing and to prepare an Annual Investment Strategy in advance of each financial year. This strategy sets out the Council's policies for managing its investments and for giving priority to the security and liquidity of those investments.</p>	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL:</b></p> <p>That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2018/19 and the Prudential Indicators 2018/19 be approved by Full Council.</p>	
<p><b>Declarations of Interest / Conflicts of Interest</b></p>	None

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<b>Call-In Period</b>	The call-in provisions will not apply to the above recommendation as it is not a Cabinet level decision.
<b>Implementation Date (If no Call-In activated)</b>	Not Applicable

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## OPEN CABINET DECISION NOTICE – FOR EXEMPT ITEM

<b>Cabinet Area</b>	Resources and Planning & Coastal Management
<b>Title of Report</b>	Purchase of Land in Lowestoft (Exempt Report)
<b>Report Reference</b>	REP1755

<b>Purpose of Report</b>	
To consider the approval of the purchase of a site in Lowestoft, by private negotiation.	
<b>Options Considered</b>	
All other options were considered, however they were rejected as they were not in the best interests of the Council.	
<b>Reason for Decision</b>	
The development of this scheme will bring a parcel of land into residential use and would eventually provide much needed housing for the District.	
<b>CABINET DECISIONS:</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the purchase of the site by private treaty be approved, up to the sum as discussed at the meeting.</li> <li>2. That Delegated Authority be granted to officers to continue the negotiations with regard to the purchase of this site.</li> <li>3. That Delegated Authority be granted to officers to commence the necessary legal work for the acquisition of the site.</li> </ol>	
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## OPEN CABINET DECISION NOTICE – FOR EXEMPT ITEM

<b>Cabinet Area</b>	Resources
<b>Title of Report</b>	Purchase of Land in Central Lowestoft (Exempt Report)
<b>Report Reference</b>	REP1706

<b>Purpose of Report</b>	
To seek approval to purchase the site in Central Lowestoft, for residential and commercial use.	
<b>Options Considered</b>	
The site has been fully appraised by internal and external experts for both commercial and residential use, which would be viable.	
<b>Reason for Decision</b>	
The site has been fully appraised and its development would help the Council to achieve its wider strategic goals relating to the AAP as a whole.	
<b>CABINET DECISIONS:</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) That the Council proceeds to purchase the freehold of the site, for the sum as discussed at the meeting.</li> <li>2) That Delegated Authority be granted to the Strategic Director, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Chief Finance Officer, to conclude the purchases on terms that best protect the interests of the Council.</li> <li>3) That on completion of the purchase of the site, Asset Management review all options to mitigate property costs and that Delegated Authority be granted to undertake the removal of notifiable asbestos for the sum as discussed at the meeting.</li> </ol>	
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## OPEN CABINET DECISION NOTICE – FOR EXEMPT ITEM

<b>Cabinet Area</b>	Housing
<b>Title of Report</b>	Cleveland Road Development (Exempt Report)
<b>Report Reference</b>	REP1560

### Purpose of Report

To consider the re-development of the properties in Cleveland Road, which would provide a number of units for the accommodation of people with identified care needs.

### Options Considered

Not to redevelop the properties. This was rejected as not being in the Council's best interest, as the properties were extremely large and were difficult to let.

### Reason for Decision

To bring under used properties back into use and provide much needed accommodation for people with identified care needs.

### CABINET DECISIONS:

- 1 That, subject to recommendations 3, 4 and 5, the decision for WDC to spend up to the amount as discussed at the meeting, converting 31, 33, 35, 39 and 43 Cleveland Road into supported housing, consisting of self contained flats, providing accommodation for up to 14 individuals, and that such conversion works are to be procured via competitive tender or carried out in house via WDC projects team.
- 2 That subject to recommendations 3, 4 and 5 that the variation in design and spending up to a value of 15% of the value identified within recommendation 1 be approved.
- 3 That Cabinet's approval in Recommendation 1 above be subject to WDC entering into a nomination agreement with SCC for the occupation of up to 14 self contained flats.
- 4 That Cabinet's approval in Recommendation 1 above be subject to WDC obtaining planning consent for the proposed conversion and Cabinet approve WDC applying for planning permission in relation to the proposed conversion.
- 5 That Cabinets approval in Recommendation 1 above be subject to WDC entering into a Service Level Agreement with a Housing Support Provider. Such provider to be contracted by WDC via SCC's relevant framework and Cabinet approve WDC entering the said Service Level Agreement.
- 6 That Delegated Authority be granted to the Strategic Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Chief Finance Officer, to enter into all necessary contract / transfers on terms that best protect WDC's interest.

### Declarations of Interest / Conflicts of Interest

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