



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 10 September 2015

DRAFT EAST SUFFOLK BUSINESS PLAN (2015 – 2023) (REP1285)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. Waveney District Council's first Business Plan, replacing the previous Corporate Plan, was adopted in 2012. The Business Plan was designed for a 10 year period, whilst also recognising the need to review it regularly. Following the recent national and local elections, and three years after its original adoption, it is now appropriate to refresh the Business Plan.
2. Suffolk Coastal District Council adopted a similar Business Plan in 2012. As part of the greater integration between the two Councils is it therefore proposed that the new Business Plan be adopted as an integrated business planning approach for East Suffolk. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is therefore being asked to review and comment upon an initial draft version of a refreshed Business Plan.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
Wards Affected:	All Wards
Cabinet Member:	Councillor C Law Leader of the Council
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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Waveney District Council adopted a 'Business Plan 2012 – 2022' on 29 February 2012, that replaced its Corporate Plan. It was considered that both Waveney and Suffolk Coastal District Councils had significant commonalities within East Suffolk and growing similarities as organisations. Both Councils therefore developed their Business Plans in conjunction with one another and shared many aspects.

2. INTRODUCTION

1.2 Waveney and Suffolk Coastal District Councils have been working increasingly closely together since first sharing a Chief Executive in 2008. It is suggested that the time is now right to produce and adopt a joint Business Plan that will build upon the solid foundations created by the original Business Plans.

1.3 It is suggested that it should be designed to ensure both Councils continue to become even more professional, business focussed and progress as 21st Century Councils. It is therefore proposed to adopt a long term (12 years) Business Plan for East Suffolk, that contains clear outcomes and details what will be delivered together over the next four years.

1.4 Set out within Appendix A is a draft of the refreshed plan, which contains a Foreword, Vision, Strategy, Critical Success Factors, and Outcomes. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider and comment on this draft version of the Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers and comments on the Draft East Suffolk Business Plan (2015 – 2023).

APPENDICES

Appendix A

Draft East Suffolk Business Plan (2013 – 2023)

BACKGROUND PAPERS – None