

CABINET DECISION NOTICES FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2017

**Call-in period:
Friday, 13 October 2017 to
Thursday, 19 October 2017**

**Implementation Date:
Friday, 20 October 2017**

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CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Cabinet Area	Tourism & Economic Development
Title of Report	Norfolk and Suffolk Strategy
Report Reference	REP1700

Purpose of Report

To seek Cabinet endorsement of the Norfolk and Suffolk Strategy, which would demonstrate the Council's continued support and commitment to economic growth at the local and regional level.

Options Considered

Not to endorse the Norfolk and Suffolk Strategy. This was rejected as not being in the best interests of the Council or the District.

Reason for Decision

The new Norfolk & Suffolk Economic Strategy will be the key document for setting the region's overall strategic approach to growth. The strategy and associated delivery plan will be instrumental in securing both national and EU (until 2019) funding for the region and its constituent areas. By ensuring that East Suffolk's key sectors, growth areas and critical infrastructure are highlighted in the plan we will ensure that further investment is made in the districts economies. By endorsing this plan Cabinet will signal its approval of this strategic approach and our commitment to work collaboratively to grow the local and regional economy.

CABINET DECISIONS:

1. That the new Norfolk and Suffolk Economic Strategy be endorsed.
2. That the Economic Development & Regeneration Team and other relevant Teams work collaboratively with all partners and stakeholders to support the delivery of the objectives set out within the new strategy and thereby promote local and regional economic growth.

Declarations of Interest / Conflicts of Interest

None

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CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Cabinet Area	Resources
Title of Report	Proposed Disposal of Land adjacent to Kensington Gardens
Report Reference	REP1716

Purpose of Report

To consider and approve the disposal of land adjacent to Kensington Gardens, Lowestoft, which would help to facilitate the development of a pre-school facility at the adjoining primary school.

Options Considered

1. The current situation could be allowed to remain, however this would not seem to be the best option for WDC or the community as a whole, as the maintenance of the unused land would continue to be the responsibility of the Council.
2. Other options are unlikely to be preferable. No enquiries as to alternative uses have been made of WDC or SCC Planners . As the land is a narrow strip generally about 6m wide, any development potential for this land (and sale interest) would seem to be limited in practical terms. It seems possible that there could be an attempt by third parties, e.g. members of the public, to demonstrate some form of prescriptive rights of use over the land – in the circumstances the School appear willing to accept this, but any other developer/purchaser may not. The main realistic alternative is, therefore, for the land to remain as it is at present with little potential to increase income or reduce costs, as mentioned above.

Reason for Decision

1. The proposed disposal of land represents the best option in terms of gaining income and controlling expenditure for WDC. It would also help to facilitate the provision of an education facility in the locality.
2. The price and terms have not yet been finally agreed, hence the need for the recommendations contained within the report. The School is working to a very tight timeframe which requires WDC consent to the proposed disposal by mid October 2017 at the latest. This has not permitted the completion of negotiations before the appropriate report date.

CABINET DECISIONS:

1. That the transfer of the land adjacent and to the north of Kensington Gardens Lowestoft, as shown edged in red on the plan attached to this report be approved, in principle, to the Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia, for use as part of the school grounds at St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School, subject to the necessary advertisements required under the Open Spaces Act 1906 being placed and responses to them being considered further.
2. That if objections to the necessary advertisements referred to in recommendation 1 above are received, they be reported back to Cabinet for its further consideration.
3. That if no objections to the necessary advertisements referred to in recommendation 1 above are received, Delegated Authority be granted to the Head of Operations Strategic Management, acting in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, and Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to finalise all aspects of the transfer, on terms that best protect the Council's interests.

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OPEN CABINET DECISION NOTICE – FOR EXEMPT ITEM

Cabinet Area	Resources
Title of Report	Purchase of Housing Units in Lowestoft (Exempt Report)
Report Reference	REP1710

Purpose of Report To seek approval to purchase 3 properties within Lowestoft.	
Options Considered Not to purchase the 3 properties in Lowestoft. This was rejected as not being in the best interests of the Council, as there was a significant Housing Waiting List for family accommodation.	
Reason for Decision To increase the Council's provision of housing stock for family accommodation.	
CABINET DECISION: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Waveney District Council proceeds to purchase the freehold of the three properties for the sums as discussed at the meeting, plus stamp duty and disbursements. 2. That Delegated Authority be granted to the Strategic Director, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to conclude the purchases on terms that best protect the interests of the Council. 3. That once purchased, additional works required to bring the properties up to standard, as identified and as costed within the report, are undertaken. 4. That thereafter, these properties become part of the Council's housing stock to be managed accordingly. 	
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OPEN CABINET DECISION NOTICE – FOR EXEMPT ITEM

Cabinet Area	Resources
Title of Report	Purchase of Land in Central Lowestoft for Mixed Use (Exempt Report)
Report Reference	REP1713

Purpose of Report

To seek approval to purchase land in Central Lowestoft, as part of the Council's policy to support and enhance Lowestoft's town centre.

Options Considered

Not to purchase the land. This was rejected as not being in the best interests of the Council or Lowestoft.

Reason for Decision

The purchase of land will provide a number of opportunities to develop a mixed use scheme and help to regenerate Lowestoft's town centre.

CABINET DECISION:

1. That the purchase of the land and for the payment of stamp duty, for the sums as discussed at the meeting, be approved.
2. That Delegated Authority be granted to the Strategic Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, to develop a detailed scheme for the site.
3. That the sum as discussed at the meeting, for carrying out of the necessary viability studies on the site, be approved.
4. That a further report be brought to Cabinet, to up date Members as to progress, once a final development scheme has been designed.

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