

CABINET DECISION NOTICES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE 2018

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Cabinet Area	Tourism & Economic Development
Title of Report	Renaissance of East Anglian Fisheries
Report Reference	REP1872

Purpose of Report

To seek approval for the Council to accept £159,500 of external funding from the European Maritime Fisheries Fund (EMFF), via the Marine Management Organisation (MMO), to commission a feasibility study into the future opportunities for the local fishing industry, following the UK's withdrawal from the EU in March 2019.

There was a major opportunity for the local, regional and national fishing industry to grow the domestic fishing sector following BREXIT and the commissioned report would consider the strategy required for Lowestoft to take advantage of this and re-establish itself as a significant regional fishing hub.

Options Considered

The other option was to do nothing and not carry out the research. This was rejected, as not being in the best interests of the District. If the funding was not accepted and the research was not undertaken, the district and wider region may miss out on significant business and employment growth and Lowestoft may lose the opportunity to re-establish itself as a major regional fishing hub.

Reason for Decision

To allow Waveney District Council to accept an award of funding from the EMFF in order to fund a feasibility report and strategy into the future economic growth opportunities resulting from the UK's withdrawal from the EU and the Common Fisheries Policy.

CABINET DECISION:

That an award of funding from the European Maritime Fisheries Fund (EMFF) of £159,500 to enable the undertaking of research into the potential economic growth opportunities for the local fishing industry resulting from BREXIT be accepted.

Declarations of Interest /	None
Conflicts of Interest	

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Cabinet Area	Tourism & Economic Development
Title of Report	Lowestoft Regeneration Governance
Report Reference	REP1881

Purpose of Report

To consider a new proposed governance structure to drive forward the delivery of the Lowestoft Growth and Regeneration Programme, with a particular focus on the next five years. Approval is sought for the proposal to create the Lowestoft Growth and Regeneration Board to bring together key stakeholders to lead the regeneration of Central Lowestoft. Approval is also sought for the replacement of the AAP Project Manager post (previously funded for three years) with 1.6 full time equivalent posts, to support the delivery of projects led by Waveney District Council.

Options Considered

- 1. Option 1 Do nothing and let the current arrangements stand. This option was discounted as project delivery will continue to be disjointed.
- Option 2 Programme Board/Delivery Team at officer level only. This option will allow for greater coordination, but will not address the need to influence others and promote Lowestoft at a regional and national level.
- 3. Option 3 Remove all the existing stakeholder groups and replace with a single group. The number of stakeholders would make this group less effective.

Reason for Decision

The proposed Growth and Regeneration Board will: enable better oversight of activity across Lowestoft; drive forward the development of the town; provide a steer on future funding and investment priorities; champion the potential Lowestoft has to contribute to the regional growth targets; and provide a coordinated approach to marketing the town and the wider sub-region as a place to invest.

CABINET DECISIONS:

- 1. That the proposal to create the Lowestoft Growth and Regeneration Board, to bring together key stakeholders to lead the regeneration of Central Lowestoft, be approved.
- 2. That the replacement of the AAP Project Manager post (previously funded for three years) with 1.6 full time equivalent project management posts, to support the delivery of projects led by Waveney District Council, be approved.

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Cabinet Area	Leader of the Council
Title of Report	Webcasting of Council Meetings
Report Reference	REP1874

Purpose of Report

To consider a project to enable the webcasting of some Council Meetings at Riverside, Lowestoft. The report describes the benefits, costs and work involved to deliver the service.

Options Considered

Not to implement the webcasting service. This was rejected as not being in the best interests of the Council or the district.

Reason for Decision

There are a range of benefits to be achieved from providing web casts of council meetings and these include increasing democratic engagement and debate, especially on key local issues such as planning, as well as improving the transparency of council processes and decision making. It also enables members of the public who are unable to attend a meeting, to see and hear the debates that influence the decisions the council makes.

CABINET DECISION:

That the implementation of a web casting system at Riverside, Lowestoft, be approved.

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Cabinet Area	Leader of the Council
Title of Report	ICT Desktop Refresh Project Funding
Report Reference	REP1882

Purpose of Report

To consider the proposal regarding the scheduling of the ICT Desktop Refresh Project and to seek approval for the changes necessary to the approved project funding, to support the revised project plan timescale.

Options Considered

Not to bring forward the ICT Desktop Refresh from April 2019 to July 2018. This was rejected, as a longer implementation period was required to ensure that the December 2019 target was achieved.

Reason for Decision

The proposed changes to the funding arrangements will allow the implementation of the ICT Desktop Refresh project to be brought forward to July 2018 and thereby reduce the risk to the successful delivery of the project.

CABINET DECISIONS:

- 1) That the use of reserve funding to cover both the Capital and Revenue elements of the project be approved.
- That the Uniform underspend be moved to the ICT Revenue budget.
- 3) That an advance of £70,000 from the Transformation Budget to the 2018/19 ICT Revenue Budget be approved.

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Cabinet Area	Operational Partnerships
Title of Report	Proposed East Suffolk Area Parking Plan
Report Reference	REP1877

Purpose of Report

To consider the approval of the East Suffolk Area Parking Plan, which needed to be adopted, prior to submitting an application for Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) powers.

Options Considered

Not to apply for Civil Parking Enforcement Powers. This was rejected as not being in the best interests of the Council or the district.

Reasons for Decision

The Council is required to have a parking policy and to demonstrate that it has reviewed the content. Evidence needs to be included to support the application to the DfT for the granting of CPE powers for the remaining majority of Suffolk.

CABINET DECISIONS:

- 1 That the draft content of the ESAPP be approved and that the commencement of a stakeholder consultation process during the summer be authorised.
- 2 That the result of the consultation and recommendations arising from it be presented to Cabinet at its 12 September 2018 meeting, for approval.

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Cabinet Area	Leader of the Council
Title of Report	Appointments to Outside Bodies for 2018/19 (Executive Functions)
Report Reference	REP1833

Purpose of Report

To consider the appointments to statutory and non-statutory Outside Bodies for 2018/19, where the role relates to an Executive Function of the Council.

Options Considered

None. The Council needs to engage and work with external organisations to deliver the priorities identified within the Council's East Suffolk Business Plan for 2015 – 2023.

Reasons for Decision

To enable Council representation on Outside Bodies for Executive functions deemed relevant to the Council's community and business interests.

CABINET DECISION:

That the relevant Cabinet Members be appointed to those Outside Bodies outlined in Appendix A to the report, for the 2018/19 municipal year, subject to the inclusion of the Suffolk Association of Museums, to which the Cabinet Member for Tourism & Economic Development would be appointed.

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Cabinet Area	Leader of the Council
Title of Report	East Suffolk Performance Report – Quarterly Performance – Quarter 4 2017/18
Report Reference	REP1722

Purpose of Report

To receive a Corporate Performance update for the period 1 January to 31 March 2018. The new East Suffolk Performance Report is a joint report for both Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils and provides an overview of the Councils' performance and progress against the deliverables within the East Suffolk Business Plan.

Options Considered

None. Quarterly Performance Reports enable the Cabinet, other Members of the Council and the public to scrutinise the performance of the Council against key indicators and targets in accordance with the approved Business Case and identified corporate priorities.

Reasons for Decision

To ensure that Members are kept updated on the performance of Council services.

CABINET DECISION:

That the East Suffolk Performance Report for Quarter 4 be received.

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