

CABINET DECISION NOTICES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 2019

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OPEN CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Cabinet Area	Housing
Title of Report	East Suffolk Private Sector Housing Strategy
Report Reference	REP1962

Purpose of Report	
To seek approval of the East Suffolk Private Sector Housing Strategy, which will align the Council's policies for enforcement, empty homes and Renovation Grants, in preparation for the new East Suffolk Council.	
Options Considered	
Not having a strategy could lead to a loss of focus for the service area and a return to a service that is wholly responsive, rather than proactively focussed on priority areas. The strategy will be a live policy document that will be monitored and reviewed regularly. Further options that appear viable as an alternative approach to resolving key issues will be evaluated, as appropriate.	
Reasons for Decision	
To formally adopt the Private Sector Housing Strategy and agree priorities for that service area to 2023.	
CABINET DECISION:	
That the Private Sector Housing Strategy and associated policies be approved.	
Declarations of Interest / Conflicts of Interest	None

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Cabinet Area	Housing
Title of Report	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government External Funding to prevent Homelessness
Report Reference	REP1964

Purpose of Report

To seek approval to apply for grant funding, in relation to the prevention of Homelessness. Should the applications be successful, approval is also sought to spend the funding to prevent homelessness in the District and to have an exemption from the Council's own Contract Procedure Rules, in order to minimise any disruption to the current service providers.

Options Considered

Waveney District Council considered not applying for this funding but this would limit the Services that could be provided. The Council also considered the option of tendering these contracts, however it was felt that any change of Service Provider at this stage would cause disruption to the Services, especially as they involved one to one contact with users, with special requirements, and the relationships and trust built up between the Service Providers and the users are integral to the success of the service. In addition, the Government was expecting a report and successful outcomes by the end of 2019 and there was insufficient time to tender the Contracts and build up the relationships, if there was a change of provider.

Reason for Decision

To enable Waveney District Council to access the grant funding provided and to expand the services provided to the homeless.

CABINET DECISIONS:

1. To approve application to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for funding for the following service expansion/initiatives:
 - a) MHCLG Domestic Abuse Funding County wide up to £270,000.00
 - b) MHCLG Rough Sleeper Initiative Funding up to £220,000.00

2. For the reasons given in Paragraph 1.22 of this report, to exempt from the Contract Procedure Rules and in particular rule 8.1.1 and give authority to officers to enter into Contracts with current Service Providers for the following services;
 - a) MHCLG Domestic Abuse Funding County wide up to £270,000.00
 - b) MHCLG Rough Sleeper Initiative Funding – Up to £220,000.00

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Cabinet Area	Planning & Coastal Management
Title of Report	Local Planning Enforcement Plan
Report Reference	REP1983

Purpose of Report	
To seek approval of the Local Planning Enforcement Plan.	
Options Considered	
The Council could make enforcement decisions without a Local Planning Enforcement Plan and base decision making on existing local and national planning policy. This is not recommended, as the adoption of a Local Planning Enforcement Plan makes the Council's decision making process more transparent and understandable to members of the public.	
Reasons for Decision	
That the Local Planning Enforcement Plan, as set in Appendix A to this report, be adopted as guidance to officers, members of the public and developers on how the Council will carry out its function of enforcing planning control.	
CABINET DECISION:	
That the new Local Planning Enforcement Plan be agreed for formal adoption.	
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Cabinet Area	Planning & Coastal Management
Title of Report	Community Infrastructure Levy Spending for Play Area Extension at Royal Green, Lowestoft
Report Reference	REP1989

Purpose of Report	
To seek approval to use £123,500 of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding, as recommended by the Council's Local Plan Working Group, to deliver the extension to the play area at Royal Green, Lowestoft.	
Options Considered	
Members have the option of not agreeing CIL funding for this project and retaining the CIL funds for future use.	
Reasons for Decision	
Given the role the project would play in supporting growth in the Local Plan; the benefits arising from the project; revisions to the design of the project; along with the timing of the First Light Festival in June and the up coming main summer holiday season; the project is recommended for £123,500 of CIL funding.	
CABINET DECISIONS:	
That £123,500 of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding be made available for the play area extension at Royal Green.	
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Cabinet Area	Tourism & Economic Development
Title of Report	Enterprise Zones Rate Relief
Report Reference	REP1988

Purpose of Report

To seek approval to extend the existing rate relief scheme on Enterprise Zones beyond the current deadline for 31 March 2019.

Options Considered

1. **Option 1 Do nothing:** Without the necessary incentives for developers to attract investment, it is likely that appetite for further investment will fade, and we are likely to be left with a number of speculative build work spaces on the market that will take longer to fill, and have an impact on the longer term income for the EZ. There is also a reputational risk here that we may not be able to achieve our output targets for job and business creation.
2. **Option 2 Subsidise LDRR:** Provide a pot of funding that can be 'bid into' to reimburse LDRR awarded to businesses within the Enterprise Zone. This would be assessed on a case by case basis with set criteria measuring the assistance provided. The criteria would line up against the aims and objectives of the project, prioritising businesses that offered a greater return on jobs. However this would be a complicated process and agents have highlighted challenges in marketing this process that would then cause further delays in development.
3. **Option 3 De-Risk Development:** In order to provide confidence to developers, POT B could be used to underwrite the cost of rates to premises which have been empty for longer than 6 months. This carries a significant risk to POT B if a large number of units are developed so particular attention to detail would be required. In addition we have recently commissioned a study to investigate how POT B can be used to improve infrastructure that would unlock land development.

Reasons for Decision

The proposal will continue to encourage investment and jobs within the Enterprise Zones whilst providing some urgency to progress the speed of development. The income generated through these investments over the longer term will assist in unlocking future growth and allow partners to overcome barriers to the remaining undeveloped land.

CABINET DECISION:

That the continuing the existing business rate relief scheme within Waveney's Enterprise Zone areas be approved, whereby qualifying businesses receive up to 100% rate relief within state aid limits. This incentive will be available for a 3 year period, for qualifying businesses, on condition that they occupy an Enterprise Zone site by April 2020.

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Cabinet Area	Tourism & Economic Development
Title of Report	East Suffolk Youth Employment Service – MYGO East Suffolk
Report Reference	REP1986

Purpose of Report	
To seek approval to procure a service, in partnership with Suffolk County Council, that will proactively support young people to become positively engaged within the local community.	
Options Considered	
Direct delivery of an East Suffolk youth employment service through the employment of dedicated officers by the East Suffolk Council was considered, however early market testing indicated that due to the knowledge, experience and infrastructure that would be provided through a specialist service provider this would create a more viable service and one where more funding could be directed at service delivery. Many of these potential providers within East Suffolk are within the community and voluntary sector and therefore the awarding of this contract has the potential to create an enabling effect on these community based groups.	
Reasons for Decision	
Addressing young people who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) is a key issue for East Suffolk. Successfully addressing this challenge not only benefits the individual but also the wider east Suffolk area in terms of supporting local employers operating within a very tight labour market and also improving local communities where youth unemployment is prevalent.	
CABINET DECISION:	
That the procurement of a contractor to deliver the East Suffolk MYGO Youth Employment Service, currently up to the value of £120k per year, for two years, be approved.	
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OPEN CABINET DECISION NOTICE FOR EXEMPT ITEM

Cabinet Area	Housing
Title of Report	Regeneration of Avenue Mansions Site (Exempt Item)
Report Reference	REP1568

Purpose of Report	
To consider a proposal to address the decline in the quality of Avenue Mansions.	
Options Considered	
All other options were considered and were rejected, as not being in the best interests of the Council or the tenants.	
Reasons for Decision	
Avenue Mansions, in its current condition, was no longer fit for purpose and required significant works in order to allow occupation to continue.	
CABINET DECISION:	
That Option 5, as set out in the report, be approved, on terms that best protect the Council's interest.	
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Cabinet Area	Leader of the Council and Resources
Title of Report	Land Issues Relating to the Third Crossing, Lowestoft (Exempt Item)
Report Reference	REP1912

Purpose of Report	
To consider a report which sought to clarify the impact of the Third Crossing on a number of sites and buildings currently owned by Waveney District Council or in which the Council has a relevant legal interest.	
Options Considered	
All other options were considered and were rejected as not being in the best interests of the Council.	
Reasons for Decision	
The proposals within the report will help to facilitate the delivery of the Third Crossing and shall be Waveney District Council's contribution towards the Third Crossing project.	
CABINET DECISIONS:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proposals made by Suffolk County Council, in relation to land and property interests of Waveney District Council impacted by the proposed Third Crossing of Lake Lothing be accepted, subject to any restrictions on disposal or the like, which may exist. 2. That the land and property interests identified in the report shall be Waveney District Council's contribution to the Third Crossing project. 3. That Delegated Authority be granted to the relevant Strategic Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, to agree the terms that best protect the interests of Waveney District Council, in relation to any disposal of land, or grant of rights over land, either permanently or temporarily, required for the proposed Third Crossing of Lake Lothing, and made between Waveney District Council and Suffolk County Council. 	
Declarations of Interest / Conflicts of Interest	Councillor M Bee declared a Local Non Pecuniary Interest in this item of business, as he was a member of the Third Crossing Working Group.

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Cabinet Area	Resources
Title of Report	Request for Additional Resources for the Procurement Team (Exempt Item)
Report Reference	REP1987

Purpose of Report	
To consider a request for additional resources for the Procurement Team.	
Options Considered	
All other options were considered and were rejected, as not being in the best interests of the Council.	
Reasons for Decision	
The additional resources will enable the Procurement Team to undertake additional work and improve the quality of data regarding contracts.	
CABINET DECISIONS:	
That the request for additional resources for the Procurement Team, as outlined within the report, be approved.	
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