

SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL**WEEKLY DECISIONS NOTICE
Week ending 6 January 2012****DECISIONS BY THE CABINET
CALL IN DEADLINE 5 P.M. ON 12 JANUARY 2012**

The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet and will come into effect on 13 January 2012 unless the call-in procedure is activated.

Report Title / Ref No: Car Park Management - CAB 01/12

Decision made by Cabinet:

1. The revised tariff increases, as detailed in the report, to come into effect as at 1 April 2012, be approved;
2. The implementation of the revised blue badge concession scheme, to come into effect as at 1 April 2012, be approved;
3. A new pricing regime of £75 for two registrations and £55 for one registration, in respect of beach hut discounted parking sites, be approved;
4. The conversion of the Woodbridge coach and lorry park to car parking as an extension to the Station Road car park, be approved;
5. Charging being introduced in Framlingham in April 2013, be approved; and
6. A new lease, of up to 15 years, be sought in respect of The Alms car park at Framlingham.

Reason for Decision: The need to contribute significant increased revenue to the Council's Medium-Term Financial Plan from car parking income.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: Various levels of tariff increase were considered and the current proposals are a compromise between the highest revenue raisers and careful consideration of the ongoing economic challenges.

Any Declarations of Interest Declared:

Councillor M Fellowes declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item No.5 (Car Park Management (CAB01/12)) by virtue of the fact she was a member of Aldeburgh Town Council, as consultee on the proposals.

Councillor G Holdcroft declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item No.5 (Car Park Management (CAB01/12)) by virtue of the fact he was a member of Woodbridge Town Council, and by virtue of the fact he was a near neighbour to the Station Road Car Park site.

Councillor M Morris declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item No.5 (Car Park Management (CAB01/12)) by virtue of the fact she was a member of OPTUA UK and by virtue of the fact she was a member of Felixstowe Town Council.

Councillor A Nunn declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item No.5 (Car Park Management (CAB01/12)) by virtue of the fact he was a member of Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council.

Councillor S Ogden declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item No.5 (Car Park Management

(CAB01/12)) by virtue of the fact she was a member of Kesgrave Town Council.

Councillor D Savage declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of Agenda Item No.5 (Car Park Management (CAB01/12)) by virtue of the fact she was a member of Felixstowe Town Council.

Councillor A Smith declared a personal and prejudicial (in relation to proposed beach hut charges) interest in respect of Agenda Item No.5 (Car Park Management (CAB01/12)) by virtue of the fact he was a member of Felixstowe Town Council.

Any Dispensation Granted: N/A

Report Title / Ref No: Fees and Charges Schedule 2012/13 – CAB 02/12.

Decision Made by Cabinet:

1. The discretionary fees and charges, as set out at Appendix A to the report, to come into effect as at 1 April 2012, be approved;
2. The level of the fees and charges set by statute, and the timing of any increase in these, as set out in Appendix B to the report, be noted; and
3. Those fees and charges that had previously been approved, or where price proposals would be approved at a later date, as set out at Appendix C to the report, be noted.

Reason for Decision: To set the Council's fees and charges with effect from 1 April 2012.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: The option of not making any changes to fees and charges has been rejected, in order that the Council maximises the income it receives in line with and to meet the strategic objectives of the MTFS.

Any Declarations of Interest Declared: None

Any Dispensations Granted: None

Report Title / Ref No: Budget 2012/13 Update - CAB 03/12

Decision Made by Cabinet:

1. The update on progress in delivering a balanced budget, in line with the Medium-Term Financial Strategy approved in October 2011, be noted; and
2. Having given due consideration of the issues raised within the report, the proposals to balance the Budget for 2012/13, and future years, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved.

Reason for Decision: To update the previous MTFS taking account of new and revised financial information in order that the Council addresses them and will be able to set a balanced budget for 2012/13 that delivers its priorities.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: The option not to bring a report forward at this time. Rejected as the consideration of the MTFS by Members at this stage of the budget process is essential, in order to achieve a balanced budget and to identify the scale of the forecast Budget Gap for the next three years.

Any Declarations of Interest Declared: None

Any Dispensations Granted: None

Report Title / Ref No: Capital Investment Programme - CAB 04/12

Decision Made by Cabinet:

1. The Capital Investment Programme for 2012/13, with the indicative programme for future years through to 2015/16, be agreed, and that it be recommended for approval by Council at its budget meeting to be held in February 2012; and
2. The proposed financing option for 2012/13, being the use of capital reserves to finance 2012/13 net investment costs, be approved.

Reason for Decision: To set a Capital Investment Programme for 2012/13 and to approve an indicative programme for future years for financial planning purposes.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: None

Any Declarations of Interest Declared: None

Any Dispensations Granted: None

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2. The proposed financing option for 2012/13, being the use of capital reserves to finance 2012/13 net investment costs, be approved.

Reason for Decision: To set a Capital Investment Programme for 2012/13 and to approve an indicative programme for future years for financial planning purposes.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: None

Any Declarations of Interest Declared: None

Any Dispensations Granted: None

Report Title / Ref No: Council Tax Base 2012/13 – CAB 05/12

Decision Made by Cabinet:

1. The amount calculated by the Suffolk Coastal District Council as its Council Tax Base for the year 2012/2013 be £49,687.27; and
2. The amount calculated by the Suffolk Coastal District Council as the Council Tax Base for each parish in the district for the year 2012/2013 be as set out at Appendix 2 to the report.

Reason for Decision: Council tax base is one of the key components in formulating and determining the Council's financial resources and in setting its council tax levels.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: None

Any Declarations of Interest Declared: None

Any Dispensations Granted: None

**DECISIONS BY INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBERS
CALL IN DEADLINE 5 P.M. ON 12 JANUARY 2012**

The following decision was made by an individual Cabinet Member and will come into effect on 13 January 2012.

Name of Cabinet Member:
Geoff Holdcroft

Portfolio:
Cabinet Member for Leisure and Economic Development

Title: Appointment of a Lead Consultant for Detailed Design, Works' Procurement and Construction Supervision for Felixstowe Seafront Gardens Refurbishment Project.

Decision Made by Cabinet Member: To award the contract for Lead Consultant for Detailed Design, Works' Procurement and Construction Supervision for the Felixstowe Seafront Gardens Refurbishment Project to Mott MacDonald Ltd in the sum of £230,417.39 subject to the Public Contracts Regulations 2006, Framework terms and the Council's decision-making processes on terms that protect the Council's interests.

Reason for Decision: To enable the Felixstowe Seafront Gardens Refurbishment project to proceed in accordance with the proposal submitted to and approved by Heritage Lottery Fund.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: Mott MacDonald Ltd's was the only compliant quote received by the Council. In addition it meets the requirements of both the Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Any Declaration of Interest Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

**DECISIONS BY INDIVIDUAL AUTHORISED OFFICERS
IN RESPECT OF KEY DECISIONS
CALL IN DEADLINE 5 P.M. ON 12 JANUARY 2012**

No decisions were taken by individual Authorised Officers.

MATTERS SUBJECT TO CALL IN

Title: Spa Pavilion Theatre, Felixstowe - Options Appraisal

This item was called in on 15 December 2011 and will be considered by the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 12 January 2012.

If you have a query or wish to request that a proposed decision is called in, please contact the Democratic Services Section by telephone on 01394 444326 or by e-mail to democratic.services@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk