

The Boundary Committee

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Dear Sir

FINANCIAL CASE FOR RURAL SUFFOLK INCLUDING LOWESTOFT

Please find attached the financial case which we have prepared for Rural Suffolk including Lowestoft.

In putting together this case we have worked very closely with our colleagues in the Borough and Districts. The case has benefited from contributions by the Councillor and Officer Boards which we established to guide the development of the cases. The Officer Board met 5 times and the Councillor Board 3 times and both have made a significant contribution to all aspects of the cases. There was also an additional Joint Councillor Board for all four cases on 4th September.

We have worked extremely closely with finance officer colleagues from across Suffolk, with Chief Finance Officers meeting weekly since the middle of July to get agreement of data and approach. Daily update meetings between the County finance officers and those of Ipswich Borough Council were held at the peak of the work and several District finance colleagues worked with us here at Endeavour House.

Deloitte have completed a risk assessment of the cases. The outcome of this assessment for the Rural Suffolk cases is intermediate risk – there are no areas of the case assessed as high risk – either separately or cumulatively. We will forward the risk assessment to you today under separate cover.

Included with this letter are:

- LGR Rural Suffolk (including Lowestoft) Workbook Item 1
- LGR Rural Suffolk (including Lowestoft) Detailed Supporting Information Item 2
- LGR Rural Suffolk (including Lowestoft) Business Case Item 3
- LGR Rural Suffolk (including Lowestoft) Revenue Balances Item 4
- LGR Budget and MTFS Item 5 and 6
- LGR Unallocated and Earmarked Reserves Item 7 and 8
- LGR Rural Suffolk (including Lowestoft) Risk Register Item 9
- LGR Rural Suffolk (including Lowestoft) Payback Item 10
- LGR Rural Suffolk (including Lowestoft) Implementation Plan Item 11
- LGR Capital Programme Item 12
- LGR Rural Suffolk (including Lowestoft) Sign Off Item 13

Please contact me if you have any queries about any of the material we have submitted to you.

The cases for Unitary Suffolk with and without Lowestoft and for Rural Suffolk without Lowestoft will be sent under separate cover.

Yours faithfully

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