

Notice of Key Decisions to be made by the Cabinet not previously included on the published Key Decision Forward Plan

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, local authorities are required to publish a Forward Plan of Key Decisions to be made by the Cabinet at least 28 clear days before the date of the meeting. In the event that the publication of the intention to make a key decision at least 28 days before the meeting is impractical, the local authority must inform the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee. The notice given to the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee must be published. The following notice has been given:

“I have been notified of an additional item that will need to go to Cabinet on 1 April 2025. In accordance with the law, as this is within the 28-day period of the advance public notice of key decisions, I am informing you as Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee.

His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services – Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service Inspection Report 2024 and Action Plan.

This item was requested to be added to the forward plan after it was published on 3 March 2025 as the Cabinet meeting was brought forward to enable Council to meet the government’s submission date for the Council’s response to the government’s consultation on Norfolk and Suffolk devolution.

A Cabinet decision is needed on 1 April as the next inspection for Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service will be in 2027. Any delay in the delivery of improvements may cause non-delivery of some or all areas of improvement and the cause of concern.

Councillor Matthew Hicks, as Leader of the Council, has given his consent for the item to be considered by Cabinet on 1 April 2025”.

A notice must also be published setting out the reasons why compliance is impractical and the details of any decisions to be made which were not included on the published Forward Plan.

This Notice sets out those key decisions to be made the meeting of the Cabinet on 1 April 2025 which have not previously been included on the published Key Decision Forward Plan. In accordance with the Regulations, the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee has been informed of the item listed below.

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| Title of Report | His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services - Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service Inspection Report 2024 and Action Plan |
| Reason for key decision added after Forward Plan Publication | This item was requested to be added to the forward plan after it was published on 3 March 2025 as the Cabinet meeting was brought forward to enable Council to meet the government’s submission date for the Council’s response to the government’s consultation on Norfolk and Suffolk devolution. |

The agenda for the meeting of the Cabinet will be published five clear days before the date of the meeting and will be available on the Council's website (www.suffolk.gov.uk) or at Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX.

For further information, please contact Democratic Services at Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX.

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