

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 25 February 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.

Underwriting Project Risk for the Benacre Flood Risk Management Project to Protect the A12

This item was requested to be added to the forward plan after it was published on 27 January 2025 as the final total project cost is now realised and exceeds the planned for value by £5m. There remains a £2-3m funding gap. This is part of the risk allocation within the overall the budget; this cost needs to be underwritten to enable the Waveney, Lower Yare and Lothingland Internal Drainage Board (IDB) to sign the main construction contract at the beginning of March 2025.

A Cabinet decision is needed on 25 February 2025 as it is a time critical decision for the project to proceed in March 2025. Any delay will result in increased costs which are unfunded

Councillor Hicks as Leader of the Council, has given his consent for the item to be considered by Cabinet on 25 February 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 **25 February 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.

Title of Report	Underwriting Project Risk for the Benacre Flood Risk Management Project to Protect the A12
Reason for key decision added after Forward Plan Publication	The final Total Project Costs now realised and exceeds the planned for value by £5m. There remains a £2-3m funding gap, this is part of the risk allocation within the overall the budget; this cost needs to be underwritten to enable the Waveney, Lower Yare and Lothingland Internal Drainage Board (IDB) to sign the main construction contract at the beginning of March 2025.

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 Committee Services at Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX Tel: 01473 265119 Email: committee.services@suffolk.gov.uk

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