

9. **Update on Expression of Interest for Library Service (attached)**
To receive an update on the expression of interest
10. **Update on Expression of Interest for Youth Service (attached)**
To receive an update on the expression of interest and agree interim action.
11. **To authorise payments.**
To authorise the following cheque lists:-

Date	Cheque No.s	Value
01.02.11	6554-6568	£7,515.37

12. **Correspondence**
13. **To receive urgent correspondence**
14. **Closure**


Gordon Mussett
Town Clerk

DATE: 2nd February 2011

Code of Recommended Practice for Local Authorities on Data Transparency – Consultation

The Code of Practice seeks to make the publication of all payments made the Council exceeding £500 in value a statutory requirement.

Whilst in essence this information can be extracted from the accounts package (see example below) there is an issue as to whether the proposed changes to the legislation affects Town and Parish Councils. Whilst the consultation document itself is quite clear that the intention is that Town and Parish Councils are included, the actual piece of legislation being amended, Section 2 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 excludes Town and Parish Councils as authorities over which the Secretary of State has powers to direct the publication of information.

Members are recommended to respond that the legislation quoted does not confer the right upon the Secretary of State to direct the Town Council to publish information, but that as and when such appropriate legislation directed at Town and Parish Councils is implemented, then there should be a commonality of presentation in order to aid those individuals or organisations comparing data between organisations.

N.B. The redacted information has been withheld as it identifies an individual whose rights may be infringed if publication was made.

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Invoices Total Amount Greater than £ 500.00

Invoice Date	Mnth No	Led No	Invoice Number	Own Ref	Customer A/c Code	Supplier Account Name	Net Value	VAT	Invoice Total
01/04/2010	1	1	32569		OFF	Off The Kerb Productions	575.00	100.63	675.63
01/04/2010	1	1	9312		SALC	Suffolk Association of Local	1,922.00	0.00	1,922.00
01/04/2010	1	1	692		THELONDON	The London Classic Theatre	1,000.00	175.00	1,175.00
02/04/2010	1	1	0400				675.00	0.00	675.00
05/04/2010	1	1	9028654346		ROYAL	Royal Mail Group plc	971.98	0.00	971.98
06/04/2010	1	1	784		DESIGNFOUN	G I Price	680.00	0.00	680.00
06/04/2010	1	1	2992172		PRS	Performing Rights Society Ltd	963.69	168.65	1,132.34
06/04/2010	2	1	3935		PSW	PSW Leisure	3,300.00	577.50	3,877.50
07/04/2010	1	1	121606		SPECIAL	Specialized Print Limited	707.40	123.80	831.20
08/04/2010	1	1	6224912		SEBC	St Edmundsbury Borough	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00
09/04/2010	1	1	HAC/01/1011		HAC	Haverhill Arts Centre	40,000.00	7,000.00	47,000.00
10/04/2010	1	1	1268		NEWSOUND	New Sound Productions	608.48	106.48	714.96
13/04/2010	1	1	083		THEBOOTLEG	The Bootleg Sixties LLP	2,070.43	362.33	2,432.76
13/04/2010	1	1	LR002-10		CATCH22	Catch 22	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
15/04/2010	1	1	022081		PRINT	Printwise (Haverhill) Limited	990.00	0.00	990.00
15/04/2010	1	1	022082		PRINT	Printwise (Haverhill) Limited	2,119.00	0.00	2,119.00
16/04/2010	1	1	GRANT190410		REACH	Reach Community Projects	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
19/04/2010	1	1	1510		FULL	Full House Productions	1,600.00	280.00	1,880.00
20/04/2010	1	1	3612		LOCSEC	Local Secrets Ltd	2,145.00	375.38	2,520.38
23/04/2010	4	1	GRANTAPR10		HAVPER	Haverhill Performing Arts Festival	500.00	0.00	500.00
27/04/2010	1	1	NLP2010/068		NORWELL	Norwell Lapley Productions Ltd	1,123.40	196.60	1,320.00
27/04/2010	1	1	GRANT270410		RELATE	Relate Norfolk and Suffolk	500.00	0.00	500.00
29/04/2010	1	1	V2010070		CITYSCR	City Screen (Virtual) Ltd	533.33	93.33	626.66
29/04/2010	1	1	EPL568		ENTPROM	Entertainers Promotions Limited	1,350.00	236.25	1,586.25
30/04/2010	1	1	1482		BURTONS	Burtens Coaches Limited	1,780.00	0.00	1,780.00
30/04/2010	1	1	407952		NATION	Nationwide Mailing Limited	1,382.86	0.00	1,382.86
30/04/2010	2	1	H947CE162		E-ON	E-ON Energy Electricity Income	450.40	77.42	527.82
01/05/2010	2	1	3107808		BNP	BNP Paribas Lease Group	753.71	131.90	885.61

Expression of Interest – Library Service

Although not one of the libraries under threat of closure, the Town Council resolved to express an interest in managing the library service in Haverhill.

The Town Clerk has subsequently attended a “technical presentation” by Senior County Library staff where it was indicated that the financial data published as part of the consultation exercise was “purely indicative”. At that, and an earlier New Strategic Direction briefing it was unclear to what extent a new manager of a library would have a free hand to change contract arrangements; the possibility that expert library advice might be purchased other than from Suffolk was an option that didn’t seem to have been considered.

On this basis therefore an expression of interest has been submitted offering, subject to due diligence of the accounts, to manage Haverhill library, with any financial savings made through the Town Council’s management being shared with Suffolk County Council on a proportionate basis (to be agreed).

Expression of Interest – Youth Service

The Town Council has resolved to express an interest in managing the youth service in Haverhill.

The initial financial data related to the Youth Service in Haverhill is less than accurate, and, although clarification has been sought, must be treated as unreliable at this stage. It is unlikely that the true financial picture will be known until after this Council sets its budget for 2011/12.

The County Council have been unable to assure the Town Council that the funding the Town Council provides for staff to cover Glyders (a 10-13 year old age group) can still be used for that purpose after 1st April, and there are no clear plans available as to the level or extent of youth service activity in Haverhill beyond that date; these will be decided by the (as yet unappointed) new area managers. Promises have been made regarding the future staffing of the “On The Spot” bus, but this too must be considered as having an uncertain future.

There is a demand for the (old-fashioned) drop-in youth club facility, as evidenced by the demand for the recently introduced drop-in facility introduced as a joint HTC/Extended Schools-funded project running at the Leisure Centre, with over 50 young people attending.

In order to protect both staff and young people, Members are asked to consider negotiating to continue current youth service provision until the end of July 2011, using a mix of existing budgetary provision and reserves.