



HAVERHILL  
TOWN COUNCIL

## **HAVERHILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 7.00 pm**  
**In The Bistro, Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill**

**Present:Chair –Town Mayor:**  
**Town Councillors:**

**Les Ager**  
**M Byrne, L Carr (except items 1-3),**  
**P French, A Gower, P Hanlon, E McManus,**  
**P McManus, M Marks, G Price,**  
**K Richardson, A Samuels and T Woodward**

**Also present: One member of the public.**

### **MINUTES**

1. **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Sisson and Thomas.
2. **Declaration of Interests**  
Cllr Richardson declared an interest in item 5 as a St Edmundsbury Borough Councillor sitting on that authority's Local government Review Working Group. Cllr French declared an interest in item 5 as a Member of Suffolk County Council, which authority had already made a decision on the preferred option for local government review.
3. **To confirm Minutes of Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> August 2008**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August were confirmed as a true record.
4. **To deal with any urgent matters arising from the Minutes not covered by this agenda**  
Cllr Byrne asked if there had been any reply from the WRVS regarding attending a future Council meeting and the Clerk advised that he had not received a reply as yet.

Action

**The meeting was adjourned for the Public Forum**

There were no comments from the member of the public.

**The meeting was reconvened after the Public Forum**

5. **To Consider the Town Council's Response to the Proposals of the Boundary Committee**  
The Council received presentations on the current Review of Local Government in Norfolk and Suffolk from Mike Dawson, Acting Chief Executive, St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Andrea Hill, Chief Executive, Suffolk County Council, following which it was agreed to adjourn

the meeting at 8.45 p.m.

**The meeting resumed at 8.55 p.m.**

5. The Council agreed:-

- a) to write to the Boundary Committee rejecting their proposal to establish two unitary authorities in Suffolk, with reasons as to why the Council believed the proposal failed to meet the criteria set out by the Secretary of State
- b) to defer until the January 2009 meeting of the Council the decision as to whether to establish a Working Group to review such services that the Town Council may wish to take on from a new unitary authority (including reviewing the future of the Recreation Ground within any change of local government structure)
- c) to establish a Working Group the membership of which shall be the Arts & Leisure Manager, the Accountant, the Leader of each Political Group, and two other Members to address the future funding of the Arts Centre in the event that a Unitary authority is established

6. **Closure**

The meeting was closed at 9.40 p.m.

**Town Clerk  
to draft  
response**

