

**BRECKLAND COUNCIL**  
**FOREST HEATH DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**ST EDMUNDSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**At an Urgent Meeting of the**

**ANGLIA REVENUES AND BENEFITS PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE**

**Held on Thursday, 13 October 2011 at 4.00 pm in the**  
**Level 5 Meeting Room, Breckland House, St Nicholas Street, Thetford IP24 1BT**

**PRESENT**

Mr D Ambrose Smith  
Mr P.D. Claussen  
Mr S. Edwards  
Mr R. Everitt

Mr P Moakes (Chairman)  
Mr W.H.C. Smith  
Mr E. Stewart

**In Attendance**

Andrew Claydon  
Linda Grinnell  
Sharon Jones  
Helen McAleer  
Geoff Rivers

- Strategic Director (Resources)
- Head of Finance
- Head of Shared Service (ARP)
- Senior Committee Officer
- Chief Executive - St Edmundsbury Borough Council
- Operations Manager (Support and Fraud)
- Assistant Director of Commissioning
- Chief Finance Officer

Rod Urquhart  
Robert Walker  
Liz Watts

**Action By**

**43/11 APOLOGIES (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Gower.

**44/11 URGENT BUSINESS (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

None.

**45/11 DECLARATION OF INTEREST (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

No declarations were made.

**46/11 NEXT MEETING (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

The arrangements for the next meeting on 1 December 2011 were noted.

Members were encouraged to put the recently circulated dates for future meetings into their diaries.

**47/11 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**RESOLVED** that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**48/11 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARTNERSHIP (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

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The Head of Shared Service (ARP) presented the report and gave Members more details of the proposed expansion of the Partnership to include a hub. She advised Members that there were lots of changes coming in the future and expansion would provide the Partnership with greater resilience.

Members discussed the implications and generally agreed that 'hub' was not the right word and that further expansion would require careful management to ensure the Partnership retained control of standards. The overriding concern of all Members was that the reputation of the Partnership should be maintained.

One Member felt that governance arrangements should be worked out first.

**RESOLVED** to agree, in principle, the expansion of the Partnership, subject to the caveats regarding quality and control.

*Mr Ambrose-Smith abstained from voting. All other Members present voted in favour of the resolution.*

The meeting closed at 4.45 pm

CHAIRMAN