

Development Control

Service Aims

- To implement the policies of the Development Plan by controlling development by others in accordance with its policies.

Service Provision

- Process planning and related applications and appeals
- Advise prospective developers and others.
- Take enforcement action against breaches of planning control.

Service Targets/Improvement

- Increased electronic delivery of services.
- Implement action resulting from Best Value review of service
- Meet Government targets and increase speed of dealing with planning applications

Budget

	2001/02 Actual £	2002/03 Budget		2003/04 Budget £
		Original £	Revised £	
Cost of Service	742,168	764,550	769,500	858,440
Planning fees & other income	-317,762	-350,590	-358,890	-374,890
Government Grant	0	0	0	-75,000
Net cost of service	424,406	413,960	410,610	408,550

Planning Policy

Service Aims

- To pursue and adopt sustainable planning policies and promote the enhancement and economic health of the District.

Service Provision

- Maintain an up to date Local Plan.
- Co-ordinate policy activities with other authorities.

Service Targets/Improvement

- Publication of user friendly second Deposit Draft document as an alteration of the Local Plan.
- Ensure opportunities for public input.
- Prepare for Local Plan Public Enquiry.

Budget

	2001/02 Actual £	2002/03 Budget		2003/04 Budget £
		Original £	Revised £	
Cost of service	209,596	263,550	293,120	382,660
Income	-6,176	-1,530	-1,530	-1,530
Net cost of service	203,420	262,020	291,590	381,130

Building Control

Service Aims

- To ensure that buildings are constructed in accordance with buildings regulations and good building practice. To control demolitions and dangerous structures and investigate unauthorised work.

Service Provision

- Recording all Building Regulation applications and assessing fees.
- Checking deposited full plan applications for compliance with legislation.
- Inspecting works on site to ensure compliance with approved plans and legal requirements.

Service Targets/Improvement

- Continue to implement Best Value Action Plan.
- Promote service to gain new work and retain existing major clients.
- To win 50-60% of the residential market and 90% of the commercial market.
- Undertake new areas of Building Control work specified by the Government from April 2002.

Budget

	2001/02 Actual £	2002/03 Budget		2003/04 Budget £
		Original £	Revised £	
Building Control				
Cost of service	368,527	448,200	403,670	431,550
Income	-316,115	-370,200	-334,400	-345,000
Net cost	52,412	78,000	69,270	86,550
Dangerous Structures	1,168	1,320	690	1,440
Street Naming & Numbering	26,641	27,350	25,300	25,740
Net cost of services	80,221	106,670	95,260	113,730

Environmental Enhancements and Historic Buildings

Service Aims

- To pursue a range of conservation and enhancement schemes in partnership with other organisation.

Service Provision

- Provide advice, and where appropriate, grant aid to protect buildings of architectural and historic interest.
- Source and utilise funding resources from external organisations to ensure the environment and heritage of the District is retained and, wherever possible, improved.

Service Targets/Improvement

- Commence new Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme in Sudbury in partnership with English Heritage.
- Improvements at Pin Mill - removal of wrecks.
- Increase input to conservation work.

Budget

	2001/02 Actual £	2002/03 Budget		2003/04 Budget £
		Original £	Revised £	
Cost of service	113,264	131,920	166,250	291,010
Income	-33,949	-49,000	-49,000	-189,000
Net cost of service	79,315	82,920	117,250	102,010

Economic Development

Service Aims

- To provide advice, guidance and financial assistance to maintain and improve the economic development of the district.

Service Provision

- Liaison with other agencies to generate employment and job opportunities and to protect and enhance existing employment.
- Support the work of the Suffolk Development Agency.
- Delivery of the Economic Development Programme.

Service Targets/Improvement

- Actively contribute to the work of the Suffolk Development Agency through funding and involvement on the Board and working groups.
- Contribution towards Haven Gateway Initiative in conjunction with other partners.
- Continue to support a range of initiatives to help businesses and the community

Budget

	2001/02 Actual £	2002/03 Budget		2003/04 Budget £
		Original £	Revised £	
Cost of service	140,066	158,010	149,410	150,950
Income	-3,000	-12,000	-2,500	-7,500
Net cost of service	137,066	146,010	146,910	143,450

Industrial Estates, Starter Units and Markets

Service Aims

- To maintain industrial estates and business parks and provide a range of affordable business starter units.

Service Provision

- Protect and enhance existing employment sites.
- Enable new businesses to become established and create new quality employment opportunities.

Service Targets/Improvement

- Provision of a new Business Centre in Hadleigh following the success of the Sudbury Centre.
- The units at Glemsford were sold in January 2003 following a review and rationalisation of provision.

Budget

	2001/02 Actual £	2002/03 Budget		2003/04 Budget £
		Original £	Revised £	
Industrial Estates and Starter Units				
Cost of service	53,835	54,970	51,540	51,360
Capital Charges	73,877	68,330	74,160	50,120
Income	-80,571	-83,630	-83,630	-83,630
Net cost	47,141	39,670	42,070	17,850
Hadleigh Market	-311	-1,300	-1,020	-2,820
Net cost of services	46,830	38,370	41,050	15,030

Community Development and Regeneration Initiatives

Service Aims

- To work with others in the community to promote community development and specific initiatives via Local Strategic Partnerships and other arrangements.

Service Provision

- Community Achievement Awards scheme.
- Promote economic and community development in Sudbury/Cornard.
- Support in the district and specifically environmental sustainability and deliver initiatives to promote green issues.
- Management and promotion of East House and Belle Vue House.

Service Targets/Improvement

- Participate fully in delivering the Community Energy Project and extend up to the 31st March 2004.
- Continued development of strategies and plans to protect the environment and contribute towards LA21 initiatives.
- Financial contributions towards Suffolk Biological Records Office which provides data for Planning and Countryside Management.
- Agree the scope and activities of Local Strategic Partnerships and develop an action plan for producing a community plan.

Budget

	2001/02 Actual £	2002/03 Budget		2003/04 Budget £
		Original £	Revised £	
Community Energy Project	61,618	65,850	81,610	83,250
East House	-14,534	-14,990	-7,860	-16,080
Belle Vue House	-2,386	-2,810	-690	-3,830
Local Agenda 21	4,141	9,080	5,930	3,030
Community Achievement Awards	5,639	5,910	3,610	2,900
Net cost of service	54,478	63,040	82,600	69,270