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Meeting ID	3723
Committee	Babergh Cabinet
Date	07/05/2024

Item ID	22033
Item Title	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS
Summary	None received.

Item ID	22034
Item Title	BCa/23/50 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 APRIL 2024
Summary	It was RESOLVED: - That the minutes of the meeting held on the 8 April 2024 be confirmed and signed as correct record.

Item ID	22035
Item Title	TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S PETITION SCHEME
Summary	None received.

Item ID	22036
Item Title	QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS
Summary	None received.

Item ID	22037
Item Title	MATTERS REFERRED BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OR JOINT AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEES
Summary	There were no matters referred.

Item ID	22038
Item Title	FORTHCOMING DECISIONS LIST
Summary	There were no comments made by Councillors.

Item ID	22054
Item Title	BCa/23/51 APPROVAL OF SCRAP METAL POLICY

Summary	<p>Full minute to follow.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED: -</p> <p>That Cabinet implement the Scrap Metal Policy 2024 to 2029. Set out in Appendix (a) of the report.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION</p> <p>The adoption of a policy supports the council’s commitment to transparency, fairness and openness when determining applications and ensuring compliance with relevant legislation.</p> <p>This policy will provide a framework for the process of licensing, auditing and enforcement of scrap metal dealers and collectors and ensure that the process is robust and fit for purpose.</p> <p>Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:</p> <p>Not to implement the policy, however, to do so would be contrary to best practice and may lead to a lack of clarity on the application of the legislation.</p> <p>Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None</p> <p>Any Dispensation Granted: None</p>
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Item ID	22055
Item Title	BCa/23/52 SIMPLER RECYCLING - FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS
Summary	<p>Full minute to follow.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED: -</p> <p>1.1 That the introduction of a weekly kerbside food waste collection service to all households using dedicated vehicles by or before 31 March 2026 to meet new statutory requirements is approved.</p> <p>1.2 That Delegated Authority is given to The Director of Operations, in consultation with the Cabinet Members for the Environment and Finance, to agree and authorise the procurement strategy, individually and/or collectively as required with partner Suffolk councils, to deliver the necessary infrastructure including vehicles, bins and material processing within the financial constraints described in section 5.</p> <p>1.3 That Delegated Authority is provided to The Director of Operations, in consultation with the Cabinet Members for the Environment and Finance to progress agreement of the Contract Variation of the Joint Waste Contract with Serco PLC to include the introduction of food waste collections.</p>

REASON FOR DECISION

To ensure that the Council can effectively implement weekly Food Waste Collections to meet its statutory requirements in compliance with environmental law in accordance with Simpler Recycling, by the 31st March 2026 deadline.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

The options presented in this report assume that the council will comply with the requirements of the government legislation in respect of food waste collections. Officers do not believe the council has any grounds to apply to DEFRA for an exemption to the legislation and delay making this change by 31st March 2026. Therefore, the paper does not consider options about whether to not provide the service.

Option A - commence procurement of the vehicles, caddies, and bins as soon as practicably possible after a decision has been made by cabinet. This is the recommended option as it is the most likely to ensure that the procurements are complete, and contracts awarded in sufficient time for deliveries to be made for the Council to meet the implementation deadline of 31st March 2026.

Option B - delay procurement of the vehicles, caddies and bins that will be required and await further funding guidance and information from the Government (not expected before Autumn 2024) on the implementation of food waste collections. This option is not recommended as the delay may result in vehicle orders being further back in the supply chain resulting in not receiving them in sufficient time to meet the implementation deadline of 31st March 2026.

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

Item ID	22056
Item Title	BCa/23/53 HRA BUSINESS PLAN
Summary	Full minute to follow. It was RESOLVED: - 1.1 It is recommended that members agree on the contents of the business plan, which will, after the completion of the governance journey will be formatted to provide a document which will be available to Members, Tenants, and the General Public.

REASON FOR DECISION

The production of a business plan allows both members and tenants to view our aspirations. As part of the social housing regulations, tenants need to be able to hold us to account on the delivery of the priorities and evidence where tenant feedback has been used as part of the decision-making process around what the income from rent is spent on.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

The HRA business plan is essential in achieving a balanced budget and sustainable medium-term financial position. Therefore, no other options are appropriate in respect of this.

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

Item ID	22057
Item Title	BCa/23/54 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 2024/25 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET
Summary	<p>Full minute to follow.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED: -</p> <p>That Cabinet notes the following correction to wording: b) That a CPI + 1% increase of 7.7% for social rents, equivalent to an average rent increase of £7.92 and a CPI + 1 (7.7%) increase for affordable rent of £11.13, a week to be implemented.</p>