

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BABERGH COUNCIL HELD IN KING EDMUND CHAMBER, ENDEAVOUR HOUSE, 8 RUSSELL ROAD, IPSWICH ON MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Peter Burgoyne - Chairman

Clive Arthey	Sue Ayres
Melanie Barrett	Simon Barrett
Tony Bavington	Peter Beer
Sue Burgoyne	David Busby
Tina Campbell	Sue Carpendale
Luke Cresswell	Alan Ferguson
Barry Gasper	John Hinton
Michael Holt	Bryn Hurren
Jennie Jenkins	Richard Kemp
James Long	Margaret Maybury
Alastair McCraw	John Nunn
Adrian Osborne	Jan Osborne
Lee Parker	Peter Patrick
Stephen Plumb	Nick Ridley
David Rose	Ray Smith
Harriet Steer	Fenella Swan
John Ward	Stephen Williams

The following Members were unable to be present: Tom Burrows, Siân Dawson, Kathryn Grandon, Frank Lawrenson and Mark Newman, Michael Creffield, Derek Davis and William Shropshire.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Tom Burrows, Sian Dawson, Kathryn Grandon, Frank Lawrenson and Mark Newman.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS

2.1 None declared

3 FUTURE OPTIONS FOR 'WORKING TOGETHER' BETWEEN BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCILS

3.1 Councillor Alastair McCraw raised a Point of Order as to the mechanism used for calling the Extra Ordinary meeting of the Council. The Monitoring Officer explained that she requested that the Chief Executive Call the Extra Ordinary meeting as outlined in Part 3 of the Constitution point 6.C.

3.2 The Chief Executive and the Monitoring Officer presented the report to the Council noting that the advice had been circulated before the meeting and clarified that no vote could be taken on the legal advice that had been received.

3.3 The Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer responded to Members questions clarifying that the legal advice had been received after the extraordinary meeting of the council had been called.

3.4 Members of the Council debated the legal advice provided including the possibility of a referendum for merging Babergh and Mid Suffolk, the form of buy in required as listed in the legal advice and the role of the Executive in making the decision.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 6.05 pm.

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Chairman

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