

7 December 2017



BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

**DECISIONS BY THE BABERGH CABINET
CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2017**

The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet and will come into effect on 18 December 2017 unless the call- in procedure is activated:

BCa/17/32 - Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy

It was RESOLVED:-

1.1 That the Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy be endorsed.

Reason for decision: To enable the Councils' to adopt a strategic approach towards the provision of Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: To not endorse.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/17/33 - Babergh Enterprise Zone Site - Space to Innovate - Discretionary Business Rates Relief Policy - Memorandum of Understanding - Sproughton Enterprise Park

It was RESOLVED: -

1.1 The Babergh District Council Discretionary Business Rates Relief Policy for Sproughton Enterprise Park (Enterprise Zone site) be approved.

1.2 That the Assistant Directors as alternative delegation for signature on legal documentation in respect of Enterprise Zone site delivery within the Districts be approved.

1.3 That continued negotiations between BDC and IBC to agree Memorandum of Understanding regarding passporting of Fund B monies in respect of Sproughton Enterprise Park (Enterprise Zone Site) be approved.

Reason for Decisions: To encourage the development of employment sites and other business growth in appropriate locations. To encourage investment in infrastructure.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: To not approve the Discretionary Business Rates Relief policy.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/17/34 – Half Yearly Performance Reporting (April to September 2017)

It was RESOLVED: -

1.1 The performance report and the performance outcome information tabled at Appendices A to E adequately reflects Babergh's performance for the half year April to September 2017.

1.2 Any actions required were considered where performance improvement was needed.

Reason for Decisions: To agree the Council's performance adequately demonstrates delivery of the Joint Strategic Plan.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: To not agree.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/17/35 – Financial Monitoring 2017/2018 – Quarter Two

It was RESOLVED: -

1.1 The potential or likely variations in relation to the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme compared to the Budget be noted.

1.2 That, subject to any further budget variations that arise during the rest of the financial year, the following net transfers of £831k be noted.

a) The balance of the General Fund surplus of £258k referred to in section 11.8 of the report be transferred to the Transformation Fund;

b) Transfer of £102k, being the favourable variance for the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) to a new earmarked Waste reserve, referred to in section 11.8 of the report;

c) Transfer of £89k, being the favourable variance for Homelessness to the

earmarked grants reserve, referred to in section 11.8 of the report;

- d) Transfer of £45k, being the favourable variance for Planning legal costs to the earmarked reserve, referred to in section 11.8 of the report;
- e) Transfer of £337k, being the 2016/17 surplus on the Business Rates Collection Fund to the Business Rates Equalisation reserve, referred to in section 11.8 of the report.

Reason for Decisions: To ensure that Members were kept informed of the current budgetary position for both the General Fund and HRA.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: That the current budgetary position for the General Fund and the HRA was not reported.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/17/36 - 2018/19 General Fund Budget - Early Indication

It was RESOLVED: -

- 1.1 That the progress on developing the General Fund Budget for the period 2018/19 to 2021/22 and the intention to increase Council Tax in 2018/19 be noted.

Reason for Decisions: To ensure that Members were aware of the progress being made to set the 2018/19 budgets.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: That the progress being made was not reported in order to set the 2018/19 budgets.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/17/37 – Living Wage Motion to Council

It was RESOLVED: -

- 1.1 That the Council did not pursue the option of working towards accreditation as a Real Living Wage Employer.

Reason for Decision: Due to the cost and resource implications associated with becoming an accredited employer.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: To pursue the option of working towards accreditation as a Real Living Wage Employer.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/17/38 - Future Options for Working Together between Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils

It was RESOLVED: -

- 1.1 That after careful consideration of the debate of Full Council on 21 November 2017 and Appendices A and B within report BCa/17/38, Cabinet reconfirms the decisions made by Cabinet on 13 October 2017.

Reason for Decision: To ensure that the two districts were in the best possible position to respond to, and take advantage of, the emerging opportunities and challenges within Local Government and Suffolk.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: Five different options were considered as detailed in report BCa/17/38 – Option A – Broader Partnership, Option B – Dissolution, Option C – Unitary, Option D – Combined Authority or Option E - Mutual. Options A, C, D and E were considered and rejected.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

Please note this Item is exempt from further Call In Under Part 3 - Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13 of the Constitution.