

10 May 2018



MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

**DECISIONS BY THE BABERGH CABINET
CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON THURSDAY, 17 MAY 2018**

The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet and will come into effect on 18 May 2018 unless the call-in procedure is activated. For clarity, where an item is 'to be noted', 'received' or recommended to Council for a decision, this is deemed not to be a formal Executive decision and so the call-in provisions will not apply.

BCa/17/68 - 2017/18 FINANCIAL OUTTURN

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That the 2017/18 financial outturn as set out in report BCa/17/68 be noted.
- 1.2 That the following net transfers of £1,966k be approved with the General Fund reserves;
 - a) Transfer of £1,074k being the net amount, for the following specific earmarked reserves, referred to in section 10.11 of report BCa/17/68 be approved;
 - £546k to Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
 - £143k to Homelessness
 - £123k to Planning for legal costs
 - £119k to Waste for MRF costs
 - £96k to other Government Grants
 - £47k to Strategic Planning
 - b) The remaining balance of the General Fund surplus of £892k (£943k at Quarter 3) be transferred to the Business Rates Equalisation reserve to support the 2017/18 deficit on the Business Rates Collection Fund which will materialise in 2018/19.
- 1.3 That the General Fund carry-forward requests totalling £224k referred to in paragraph 10.12 of report BCa/17/68 be approved.
- 1.4 That the Capital carry-forward requests referred to in paragraph 10.20 of report

BCa/17/68 totalling £16,912m be approved.

1.5 That the transfer of £577k, being the HRA deficit for the year (£51k better than planned) per paragraph 10.25, from reserves be approved.

1.6 That the HRA Capital carry-forward requests referred to in paragraph 10.32 of report BCa/17/68 totalling £656k be approved.

Reason for Decision: To ensure that Members are kept informed of the 2017/18 outturn position for both the General Fund and HRA, and approve the relevant transfers to/from reserves, revenue and capital carry forwards.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: The alternative option is that the outturn position is not reported and no reserve transfers or carry forwards are approved.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: Yes

BCa/17/69 - CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO "SUPPORTING HOUSING DELIVERY THROUGH DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS: REFORMING DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE"

It was RESOLVED:-

1.1 That Cabinet note the content and potential implications of the Government's consultation titled "Supporting Housing Delivery through Developer Contributions: Reforming Developer Contributions to Affordable Housing and Infrastructure".

1.2 That the recommended response to the consultation, as contained in Appendix 1 of report BCa/17/69 be endorsed.

Reason for Decision: To ensure that Cabinet were aware of the content and potential implications of the Government's consultation titled "Supporting housing delivery through developer contributions to affordable housing and infrastructure" in order that Cabinet endorsed the response to the consultation.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: That Cabinet did not note or be aware of the content or potential implications of the Government's consultation.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/17/70 - SUFFOLK FRAMEWORK FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH

It was RESOLVED:-

1.1 That the contents of the document entitled "Suffolk Framework for Inclusive Growth – a Summary (Appendix 1 of report BCa/17/70) be noted.

1.2 That the document entitled: Suffolk's Framework for Inclusive Growth – a Summary (Appendix 1 of report BCa/17/70) be used to: (a) inform County-wide work on the use of "Pooled Business Rates"; (b) support and inform responses to third party consultations on growth and infrastructure; and, (c) support and prioritise – on a local and county-wide basis – funding bids for infrastructure to the Local Enterprise Partnership and other bodies;

1.3 That future infrastructure and strategic planning work for Babergh and Mid Suffolk (including the production of the Joint Local Plan) pays due regard to the contents of the document entitled: "Suffolk's Framework for Inclusive Growth – a Summary (Appendix 1 of report BCa/17/70) and the full AECOM report referred to at paragraph 13.1 of the report, which is recognised as a non-statutory document.

Reason for Decision: To note the summary document for Suffolk's Framework for Inclusive Growth and to recognise the AECOM report as a useful piece of research and evidence to inform a range of future decisions.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: That the summary document for Suffolk's Framework for Inclusive Growth and the AECOM report not be noted.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/17/71 - "DRAFT REVISED NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK" CONSULTATION PROPOSALS

It was RESOLVED:-

1.1 That the content and potential implications of the Government's consultation titled "Draft Revised National Planning Policy Framework" (and accompanying documents) be noted.

1.2 That the recommended response to the consultation, as contained in Appendix 1 of report BCa/17/71, be endorsed.

Reason for Decision: To ensure that Cabinet were aware of the content and potential implications of the Government's consultation titled "Draft revised National Planning Policy Framework", in order for Cabinet to endorse the response to the consultation.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: That Cabinet were not aware of the content and potential implications of the Government's consultation titled "Draft revised National Planning Policy Framework"

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/17/72 - END OF YEAR RISK POSITION STATEMENT AND PROGRESS REPORT

It was RESOLVED:-

1.1 That the contents of report BCa/17/72, supported by Appendix A and B, be approved.

Reason for Decision: To provide assurances that risk management processes in place were robust and effective.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: That the risk management process in place was not robust and effective.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/17/73 - TO CONSIDER BATTERY STORAGE AT ALL OF THE LEISURE SITES

It was RESOLVED:-

1.1 That in principle the purchase, installation and operation of commercial scale battery storage at the Babergh District Council leisure centres be supported.

1.2 That funding of £154,000 be approved for this project.

1.3 That the Cabinet Member for the Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, be given delegated authority to approve the release of the funds in 1.2, subject to a financially viable business case being prepared and approved by the S.151 Officer, and detailed legal advice being received.

Reason for Decision: To provide the Council's with a return on investment over the next 15 years through the reduction in electricity bills and sale of storage capacity.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: That the Council did not proceed with the purchase and installation and operation of battery storage at Babergh District Council leisure centres.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: Councillor Campbell declared a non pecuniary interest in this item as a Trustee of South Suffolk Leisure.

Any Dispensation Granted: None