

12 July 2018



MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

DECISIONS BY THE BABERGH CABINET CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON THURSDAY, 19 JULY 2018

The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet and will come into effect on 20 July 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/18/09 - PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That the findings of the Public Realm Member Advisory Task and Finish Group in respect of public conveniences be noted.
- 1.2 That the Joint Public Convenience Policy to guide the Council's decisions about existing and future provision be approved.
- 1.3 That a Community Toilet Scheme be established.
- 1.4 That the expenditure of £13,000 from the Public Realm budget to carry out basic repairs and improvements to existing public convenience provision be noted.
- 1.5 That the Corporate Manager for Public Realm be asked to further engage town and parish councils, or other community groups, with a view to devolving public conveniences to those who wish to take them on.

Reason for Decision: To put in place a policy to guide decisions about the future of existing provision of public conveniences in Babergh.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: To close all public conveniences run by Babergh District Council.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

BCa/18/10 - REFRESHED CUSTOMER STRATEGY

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That the Refreshed Customer Strategy be agreed.
- 1.2 That in consultation with the Cabinet Members, minor amendments to the Strategy be delegated to the Assistant Director for Customer Services to ensure the Strategy is kept up to date, and reflective of emerging Strategies which overlap.
- 1.3 That an action and communication plan be developed, which will ensure the Customer Strategy is widely shared across the organisation and provides for an opportunity to engage with our staff, embedding a customer focussed organisational culture.

Reason for Decision: To provide an updated and refreshed Customer Strategy that states our organisational aim to put the customer at the heart of the organisation, and by doing so, improves our ability to better deliver our customer need.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: To develop an alternative Public Access Strategy which did not focus on the Council's customers.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/18/11 - MERGER PROPOSAL SOUTH SUFFOLK LEISURE AND ABBEYCROFT LEISURE

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That the merger of South Suffolk Leisure with Abbeycroft Leisure be approved. Which could be completed through a novation of the current lease allowing South Suffolk Leisure to assign the management agreement to Abbeycroft Leisure, the merged partner.
- 1.2 That delegation be given to the Assistant Director for Environment and Commercial Partnerships in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities to make the necessary changes to any legal documentation and any appropriate revisions to existing legal agreements as part of the novation process.

Reason for Decision: To strengthen the resilience of the partner operator of our leisure facilities. Taking into account the proposed £3.4million capital investment for the refurbishment of the Kingfisher Leisure Centre and replacement of Hadleigh Swimming Pool. If approved this would allow the formal merger to be completed on 1 October 2018.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: South Suffolk Leisure to continue operating as a small local Trust for Babergh District Council.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: A non-pecuniary interest was declared by Councillor Campbell as a Trustee of South Suffolk Leisure.

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/18/12 - FORMER HQ REGENERATION PROJECT - APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED OPTION - PART 1

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That the comments made by Full Council on 19 June 2018 were noted in relation to the preferred option (Option 2 in report BCa/18/12) and development scheme.
- 1.2 That Option 2 (section 2.1 of report BCa/18/12) be approved and responsibility to the Strategic Director, with responsibility for Assets and Investments, be delegated, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Assets and Investments, to submit a full planning application for the redevelopment of the former Council HQ site at Corks Lane and the Bridge House and car parks.

Reason for Decision: To provide a sympathetic and comprehensive regeneration of the site whilst enhancing the significance and setting of the important listed buildings and preservation of the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: Retention and conversion of ALL buildings: all listed, all of the 1980's extension buildings, Bridge House with new build adjacent to Bridge House and Corks Lane corner and car park. Retention and conversion of the listed buildings, total demolition of the 1980's extension, demolition of Bridge House with new build being within the curtilage of the listed buildings, Corks Lane corner and car park and on and adjacent to site of Bridge House.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/18/13 - LOCAL TOURISM STRATEGY (BABERGH VISITOR INFORMATION OPTIONS) - PART 1

It was RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That the updated position in relation to Visitor Information Point development, and the specific and ongoing progress in relation to supporting Lavenham and the broader Babergh and Mid Suffolk area; be noted.
- 1.2 That principle be given to both options of (i) a below market rate lease agreement with Lavenham Parish Council (or community group linked to the parish council); and (ii) a freehold disposal to the same body for the existing Tourist Information Centre premises at 2 Lady Street, Lavenham be approved.
- 1.3 That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director with responsibility for Visitor Economy matters to enter negotiation with the lessee regarding duration, terms and conditions, periodic review and other relevant detail, or else a freehold disposal negotiation.

Reason for Decision: To continue to strategically support progression of the visitor economy within the Babergh District, and within financial and operational resource constraints for the

Authority. To responsively support the community and local economy of Lavenham, bringing potential benefits to broader economy of the district.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: To do nothing. Inaction would risk a transitionally gap in visitor information following the end of the Tourist Information Centre arrangements and thereby leave businesses, communities and sector stakeholders to decide what, if anything, should emerge without any interim support.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

Resolution to Exclude the Public

That under section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act in the paragraph registered against the item:

Note: *Information is exempt only if:*

It falls within one of the 7 categories of exempt information in the Act and; In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

BCa/18/14 - FORMER HQ REGENERATION PROJECT - APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED OPTION - PART 2

It was RESOLVED:-

1.1 That the recommendations set out in report BCa/18/14 be approved.

Reason for Decision: To provide a sympathetic and comprehensive regeneration of the site whilst enhancing the significance and setting of the important listed buildings and preservation of the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: Retention and conversion of ALL buildings: all listed, all of the 1980's extension buildings, Bridge House with new build adjacent to Bridge House and Corks Lane corner and car park. Retention and conversion of the listed buildings, total demolition of the 1980's extension, demolition of Bridge House with new build being within the curtilage of the listed buildings, Corks Lane corner and car park and on and adjacent to site of Bridge House.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

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**BCa/18/15 - LOCAL TOURISM STRATEGY (BABERGH VISITOR INFORMATION OPTIONS)
- PART 2**

It was RESOLVED:-

1.1 That the recommendations set out in report BCa/18/15 be approved.

Reason for Decision: To continue to strategically support progression of the visitor economy within the Babergh District, and within financial and operational resource constraints for the Authority. To responsively support the community and local economy of Lavenham, bringing potential benefits to broader economy of the district.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: To do nothing. Inaction would risk a transitionally gap in visitor information following the end of the Tourist Information Centre arrangements and thereby leave businesses, communities and sector stakeholders to decide what, if anything, should emerge without any interim support.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

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BCa/18/16 - REGENERATION OF BELLE VUE PARK AND SURROUNDING AREAS

It was RESOLVED:-

1.1 That the recommendations set out in report BCa/18/16 be approved.

Reason for Decision: To provide Cabinet with the latest position on the opportunity and seek delegation to finalise the agreement.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As detailed in report BCa/18/16.

Any Declarations of Interest declared: A non-pecuniary interest was declared by Councillor Lawrenson as an owner of a Bed and Breakfast.

Any Dispensation Granted: None