

## **BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of the **BABERGH CABINET** held in the King Edmund Chamber - Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich on Thursday, 7 November 2019

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor: John Ward (Chair)

Councillors:	Jan Osborne	Derek Davis
	Clive Arthey	David Busby
	Elisabeth Malvisi	Lee Parker

### **In attendance:**

Councillor(s): Alistair McCraw

Officers: Strategic Director (KN)  
Corporate Manager - Strategic Planning  
Strategic Director Deputy Monitoring Officer (JR)  
Senior Governance Support Officer (HH)

### **183 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Michael Holt.

### **184 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS**

There were no declarations of interest declared.

### **185 BCA/19/21 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2019**

It was **RESOLVED:-**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 be signed as a true record.

### **186 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S PETITION SCHEME**

There were no petitions received.

### **187 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS**

There were no questions received.

### **188 MATTERS REFERRED BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OR JOINT AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEES**

There were no matters referred.

## **189 FORTHCOMING DECISIONS LIST**

The Forthcoming Decisions List was noted. The Leader of the Council advised Members that an updated list would be issued shortly to reflect the rescheduled meetings due to the pre-election period.

## **190 BCA/19/22 SUFFOLK COAST RECREATIONAL DISTURBANCE AND AVOIDANCE MITIGATION STRATEGY**

The Cabinet Member for Planning introduced the report and provided Members with an overview of the strategy. Councillor Arthey advised Members of the revised recommendation 3.2 of the report, detailed below, as suggested at the Mid Suffolk District Council Cabinet Meeting:

“That delegated authority be granted to the Assistant Director for Sustainable Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and the Cabinet Member for Environment to determine the method of RAMS implementation via an Implementation Board and agree suitable performance matrix.”

Councillor Davis commented that this was an excellent strategy, and enquired how much money had already been raised. The Corporate Manager for Strategic Planning advised that this information would be provided to Members.

In response to a question from Councillor Ward, the Corporate Manager for Strategic Planning confirmed the funding sources which could be used for the projects within the strategy.

Councillor Busby commented on the proposed figures being raised for the project and queried the decision-making process for spending of the funding. Councillor Busby went on to suggest that the report should be seen by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Councillor McCraw, Chair of Joint Overview and Scrutiny committee advised that as the strategy was a statutory requirement and was a joint strategy with three other authorities, it would be difficult to scrutinise.

Councillor Arthey moved the recommendations with the amendment as detailed. This was seconded by Councillor Davis.

**It was RESOLVED:-**

- 1.1 That the Suffolk Coast RAMS (2019) be approved for adoption.**
- 1.2 That delegated authority be granted to the Assistant Director for Sustainable Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and the Cabinet Member for Environment to determine the method of RAMS implementation via an Implementation Board and agree suitable performance matrix.**

**Reason for Decision:** The Councils are legally required to take an active approach to mitigate against the increasing pressure from residential development upon European / Habitats Sites.

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (known as the 'Habitats Regulations') set out how Local Planning Authorities must deal with planning applications that are likely to have an adverse effect on European Sites. Natural England advice is that, to comply with The Regulations.

The Strategy is a means by which new residential growth can be delivered, whilst at the same time adequately protecting Suffolk's coastal, estuarine and heathland European wildlife sites from harm that could otherwise occur because of increased recreation pressure caused through new residential development.

The Strategy identifies and costs measures necessary to mitigate recreational impacts, confirm how they will be funded and delivered, and is an approach that is in accordance with European Habitats Legislation and endorsed by Natural England. An Implementation Board will be responsible to determining how monies collected are spent.

**191 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC (WHICH TERM INCLUDES THE PRESS)**

*To consider whether, pursuant to Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public should be excluded from the meeting for the business specified below on the grounds that if the public were present during these items, it is likely that there would be the disclosure to them of exempt information as indicated against each item. The authors of the report proposed to be considered in Part II of the Agenda were satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.*

*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.*

**192 BCA/19/23 TO CONFIRM THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2019**

**It was RESOLVED:-**

**That the confidential minute of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 be signed as a true record.**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 18:20pm.

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Chair (and date)