



AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 19TH JANUARY 2021 – 5.30 PM

Members of the Council are summoned to a virtual meeting of the Babergh District Council on Tuesday, 19th January 2021 at 5.30 pm.

For those wishing to attend, there will be a time for reflection 5 minutes prior to the commencement of the Council meeting.

Arthur Charvonja
Chief Executive



BABERGH COUNCIL	
DATE:	TUESDAY, 19 JANUARY 2021 5.30 PM
VENUE:	TEAMS MEETING

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MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC PRESENT**

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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS

3 BC/20/15 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2020 11 – 16

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In addition to any announcements made at the meeting, please see Paper BC/20/17 attached, detailing events attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

6 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 11, the Chief Executive will report the receipt of any petitions.

a **PETITION FOR DEBATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S PETITION SCHEME**

To report and debate the following Petition, containing at least 1000 valid signatures, in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme:

Free Parking Hadleigh

We the undersigned petition the Council to Maintain the free parking in all Hadleigh car parks.

It is now more essential than ever for the vitality and future of Hadleigh High Street to enable local and visiting shoppers to park free of charge. A number of new outlets have only just opened and to impinge businesses sustainability by the introduction of parking charges would be completely retrograde. Any decisions of this nature should only take place after the fullest public consultation.

7 **QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES**

The Chairmen of Committees to answer any questions by the public of which notice has been given no later than midday three clear working days before the day of the meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 12.

8 **QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES**

The Chairman of the Council, the Chairmen of Committees and Sub-Committees and Portfolio Holders to answer any questions on any matters in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affect the District of which due notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 13.

9 **BC/20/18 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT** 27 – 30

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

10 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET / COMMITTEES**

a **JAC/20/3 HALF YEAR REPORT ON TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2020/21** 31 – 62

Co-Chair of Joint Audit and Standards Committee.

At its meeting on 30 November 2020, the Joint Audit and Standards Committee considered Paper JAC/20/3 – Half Year Report on Treasury Management 2020/21. The recommendations set out in the report were accepted.

It was RECOMMENDED TO BOTH COUNCILS:

- 1) That the Treasury Management activity for the first six months of 2020/21 as set out in the report and Appendices be noted.
- 2) That it be noted that both Councils' Treasury Management activity for the first six months of 2020/21 was in accordance with the approved Treasury Management Strategy, and that the Council has complied with all the Treasury Management Indicators for this period.

Note – It is a requirement of the Code of Practice on Treasury Management that full Council notes the Half-Year position.

b	BC/20/19 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	63 – 74
	Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
	At its meeting on 23 November 2020, the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered Paper JOS/20/3 – Review of Outside Bodies.	
	The Committee's Recommendations to Council are attached as Paper BC/20/19.	
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	Leader of the Council	
14	MOTION ON NOTICE	

a **Motion received from Councillor Ward**

To consider the Motion on Notice received from Councillor Ward:

This Council expresses alarm at the rise in antisemitism across the UK in recent years. The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) guidelines on antisemitism, negotiated and agreed at an international level, were adopted by the UK Government in 2016. These guidelines define antisemitism thus:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.

- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g. claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

This Council hereby adopts the above definition of antisemitism as set out by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, and adopted by the UK Government, and pledges to combat this anti-Jewish racism.

Proposer – Cllr John Ward
Seconder – Cllr Jan Osborne

15 **COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENTS**

Date and Time of next meeting

Please note that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 23 February 2021 at 5.30 pm.

Webcasting/ Live Streaming

The Webcast of the meeting will be available to view on the Councils YouTube page:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSWf_0D13zmegAf5Qv_aZSg

For more information about this meeting, including access arrangements and facilities for people with disabilities, please contact the Committee Officer, Committee Services on: 01473 296472 or Email: Committees@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

Introduction to Public Meetings

Babergh/Mid Suffolk District Councils are committed to Open Government. The proceedings of this meeting are open to the public, apart from any confidential or exempt items which may have to be considered in the absence of the press and public.

Protocol for Virtual Meetings

Live Streaming:

1. The meeting will be held on TEAMS and speakers will be able to join via invite only. Any person who wishes to speak at the meeting must contact Committee Services at: committees@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting.
2. The meeting will be live streamed and will be available to view on the Council's YouTube page as detailed below:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSWf_0D13zmegAf5Qv_aZSg

Recording of proceedings:

1. Proceedings will be conducted in video format.
2. A Second Governance Officer will be present and will control the TEAMS call and Livestreaming.

Roll Call:

1. A roll call or electronic confirmation of attendance of all Members present will be taken during the Apologies for Absence/Substitution to confirm all Members are present at the meeting.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

1. A Councillor declaring a disclosable pecuniary interest will not be permitted to participate further in the meeting or vote on the item. Where practicable the Councillor will leave the virtual meeting, including by moving to a 'lobby' space and be invited to re-join the meeting by the Committee Officer at the appropriate time. Where it is not practicable for the Councillor to leave the virtual meeting, the Committee Officer will ensure that the Councillor's microphone is muted for the duration of the item.

Questions and Debate:

1. Once an item has been introduced, the Chair will ask if there are any questions. The Chair will either ask each Member in turn if they have any questions or Members of the Council / Committee will be asked to use the "Hands Up" function within teams. The Chair will then ask Members to speak.

2. Any Councillors present who are not part of the Committee will then be invited to ask questions by using the “Hands up function” within teams. The Chair will then ask Members to speak.
3. At the end of the questions the Chair will ask Members whether they have any further questions before entering into debate.
4. In the instance where a Member of the Committee would like to formally make a proposal, they should raise their hand using the Hands Up function. At this point the Chair would go directly to them and take the proposal. Once the proposal has been made the Chair would immediately ask if there was a seconder to the Motion. If there is it would become the substantive Motion and the Chair would again continue down the list of Councillors until there is no further debate.
5. Upon completion of any debate the Chair will move to the vote.

Voting:

1. Once a substantive motion is put before the Council / Committee and there is no further debate then a vote will be taken.
2. Due to circumstances the current voting by a show of hands would be impractical - as such the Governance Officer will conduct the vote by roll call or the vote will be conducted via an electronic voting method.
3. The total votes for and against and abstentions will be recorded in the minutes not the individual votes of each Councillor. Except where a recorded vote is requested in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.
4. The governance officer will then read out the result for the Chair to confirm.
5. A Councillor will not be prevented from voting on an item if they have been disconnected from the virtual meeting due to technical issues for part of the deliberation. If a connection to a Councillor is lost during a regulatory meeting, the Chair will stop the meeting to enable the connection to be restored. If the connection cannot be restored within a reasonable time, the meeting will proceed, but the Councillor who was disconnected will not be able to vote on the matter under discussion as they would not have heard all the facts.

Confidential items:

1. The Public and Press may be Excluded from the meeting by resolution in accordance with normal procedural rules. The Committee Officer will ensure that any members of the public and press are disconnected from the meeting.