



AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 2021
– 5.30 PM

Members of the Council are summoned to a virtual meeting of the Babergh District Council on Tuesday, 23rd February 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, 23 FEBRUARY 2021 5.30 PM
VENUE:	VIRTUAL MEETING

This meeting will be broadcast live to YouTube and will be capable of repeated viewing. The entirety of the meeting will be filmed except for confidential or exempt items. If you attend the meeting in person you will be deemed to have consented to being filmed and that the images and sound recordings could be used for webcasting/ training purposes.

The Council, members of the public and the press may record/film/photograph or broadcast this meeting when the public and the press are not lawfully excluded.

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

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- 2 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS**
- 3 **BC/20/23 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2021** 9 - 26

4 **LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5 **TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, The Chief Executive will report the receipt of any petitions. There can be no debate or comment upon these matters at the Council meeting.

6 **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.

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

The Chairman of the Council, Chairs 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 13.

8 **BC/20/24 GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2021/22 AND FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK** 27 - 92

Cabinet Member for Finance

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19.3, immediately after any vote is taken at a budget decision meeting of the Council the names of Councillors who cast a vote for the decision or against the decision or who abstained from voting shall be recorded in the Minutes of that meeting.

At its meeting on 4 February 2021, Cabinet considered Paper BCa/20/32, together with an addendum to the General Fund Budget. Paper BC/20/24 now includes all the relevant updated information plus the tax base, precepts and council tax band information at parish level, together with the necessary recommendations.

Proposed amendment from the Green Group also attached.

9 **BC/20/25 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) 2021/22 BUDGET AND FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK** 93 - 106

Cabinet Member for Finance

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19.3, immediately after any vote is taken at a budget decision meeting of the Council the names of Councillors who cast a vote for the decision or against the decision or who abstained from voting shall be recorded in the Minutes of that meeting.

At its meeting on 4 February 2021, Cabinet considered Paper BCa/20/33, the Housing Revenue Account. Paper BC/20/25 is unchanged from the Cabinet meeting and includes the necessary recommendations.

Proposed amendment from the Green Group also attached.

10 **RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CABINET / COMMITTEES**

a **BC/20/26 JOINT CAPITAL, INVESTMENT AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES 2021/22** 107 - 168

Chair of Joint Audit and Standards Committee

At its meeting on 25 January 2021, Joint Audit and Standards Committee considered Paper JAC/20/10, the Joint Capital, Investment and Treasury Management Strategies. Paper BC/20/26 now includes all the relevant updated information following consideration by the Joint Audit and Standards Committee, together with the necessary recommendations.

11 **COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENTS**

12 **MOTION ON NOTICE**

To consider the Motion on Notice received from Councillor Cresswell:

That this council does not have faith in the leadership of John Ward and asks that he resigns with immediate effect.

Proposer: Cllr Trevor Cresswell
Seconder: Cllr Allison Owen

Date and Time of next meeting

Please note that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 23 March 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.