

Monday, 1 November 2021



BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

**DECISIONS BY THE BABERGH CABINET
CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON 10 NOVEMBER 2021**

The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet and will come into effect on 11 November 2021 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/21/26 INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING STATEMENT FOR BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL APRIL 2020 - MARCH 2021

It was **RESOLVED**: -

- 1.1 That Cabinet noted the content of the report and Appendices A and B and that the content of Appendices A and B be submitted to the Government as Babergh's Infrastructure Funding Statement.
- 1.2 That Cabinet approved to the publication of the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Appendices A and B) on the Council's web site.

REASON FOR DECISION

There are a number of different ways which Infrastructure is delivered following growth within each District. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies have been collected since the implementation of CIL on the 11th of April 2016. The CIL Expenditure Framework was originally adopted in April 2018. It was reviewed with amendments; these were adopted on the 18th of March 2019 and the 20th April 2020. This Framework requires the production of a CIL Expenditure Programme for each District at least twice a year containing decisions for Cabinet to make or note on CIL Bids for infrastructure. Section 106 monies are collected through the completion of legal agreements before planning permission is granted for development. These secure developer contributions or direct provision of infrastructure. These legal agreements control the amount of money to be received and the timing and nature of the infrastructure provision. Neighbourhood CIL is paid out twice a year by the 28th of April and by the 28th of October to all Parishes with the exception of Parish meetings where these monies are held by

the Councils for us to work with those Parishes to devise and implement infrastructure proposals. All Parishes need to make a yearly return to each Council on the expenditure of their Neighbourhood CIL and this should be published on their Parish web site. As part of the evidence supporting the development of a Joint Local Plan an Infrastructure Delivery Plan has been produced which is being updated. All of these measures and where appropriate, decisions form ways in which necessary infrastructure supporting growth in the districts are delivered /or prioritised for the benefit of our communities.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

- 1.1 The need to produce an Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) is prescribed by legislation through changes to the CIL Legislation in September 2019. The Government have been working on a template for a digital response with an ability to input back-office data and for each Council to submit this using existing software (for Babergh and Mid Suffolk -this would be via Exacom). It is understood that there are over 100 Local Authority users of Exacom in the country and the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government have been working alongside users to develop a digital template to complete the IFS each year. This is still being developed/tested and some Local Authorities produced their own IFS for 2019 (when there was no legal requirement to do so) using their own individual style/approach. Over time the content of these Infrastructure Funding Statements are likely to develop into a focused digital submission to the Government.
- 1.2 Our approach at this time is to submit Appendices A and B to the Government for our IFS for the year April 2020-March 2021 and if possible, for this information to be submitted digitally (using any provided template and Exacom) to meet the deadline of the end of December 2021

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCA/21/27 TRANSFER OF OPEN SPACE LAND TO BURES ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL & GREAT WALDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

It was RESOLVED: -

- 1.1 **That Cabinet approved the transfer of open space land at Pikes Marsh to Bures St Mary Parish Council.**
- 1.2 **That Cabinet approved the transfer of open space land at Green Acre, Great Waldingfield Parish Council.**

REASON FOR DECISION

To ensure the land is effectively managed at a local level maximising community benefit and mitigating financial liability for the District Council in the future

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

The District Council to retain ownership.

This will retain control for the District Council but also the responsibility and cost to maintain the

open spaces and any play equipment or fixtures thereon.

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None