

**Monday, 5 September 2022**



**BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**DECISIONS NOTICE**

**DECISIONS BY THE BABERGH CABINET  
CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2022**

The following decisions have been taken by the Babergh Cabinet and will come into effect on 14 September 2022 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/22/18 GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL MONITORING 2022/23 - QUARTER 1**

It was **RESOLVED**: -

- 1.1 That, subject to any further budget variations that arise during the rest of the financial year, the net expenditure overspend position of £782k and forecast reserve movements, referred to in section 5.5 and Appendix A of the report, be noted.
- 1.2 The revised 2021/22 Capital Programme referred to in Appendix B and section 5.9 be noted.

**REASON FOR DECISION**

To ensure that Members are kept informed of the current budgetary position for both General Fund Revenue and Capital.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

**At this stage in the year, the financial position is for noting only.**

**Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None**

**Any Dispensation Granted: None**

**BCA/22/19 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) FINANCIAL MONITORING 2022/23 - QUARTER 1**

It was **RESOLVED**: -

- 1.1 That, subject to any further budget variations that arise during the rest of the financial year, the adverse variance of £527k, referred to in section 6.5 of the report, be noted.
- 1.2 The 2022/23 revised Capital Programme referred to in Appendix A and section 6.12 be noted.

**REASON FOR DECISION**

To ensure that Members are kept informed of the current budgetary position for both the HRA Revenue and Capital Budgets.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

At this stage in the year, the financial position is for noting only.

**Any Declarations of Interests Declared:** None

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None

**BCa/22/21 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - CIL Expenditure September 2022**

It was **RESOLVED**: -

- 1.1 That the CIL Expenditure Programme (September 2022) and accompanying technical assessment of the CIL Bids (forming Appendices, A and B) which include decisions on this CIL Bid for Cabinet to make and to note as follows: -

**Decisions for Cabinet to approve: - Ringfenced Infrastructure Funds and Local Infrastructure Fund.**

<b>CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed</b>	<b>Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the infrastructure</b>	<b>Cabinet Decision</b>
B22-02 CAPEL ST MARY upgrade to Children's Play Area at Playing field and Provision of Additional Car parking	Amount of CIL Bid £100,000.00 Total cost of the project £143,116.00 Net Cost (Parish can reclaim VAT) Total of other funding obtained from Community Grant funding - £15,000.00 and funding from the Parish Council and Capel Community Trust - £28,116.00	Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid B22-02 for £100,000.00 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund (Capel St Mary)

B22-05 COCKFIELD - Provision of Bus Shelter	<p>Amount of CIL Bid £25,028.08</p> <p>Total cost of the project £35,028.08</p> <p>Total of other funding obtained through Parish Council Neighbourhood CIL £10,000</p>	<p>Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid B22-05 for £25,028.08 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund (Cockfield) subject to the prior completion of a lease for the land (not less than 25 years)</p>
B22-06 SUDBURY Gainsborough House	<p>Amount of CIL Bid £152,504.86</p> <p>Total cost of remainder of the project £2,016,000 to November 2022,</p> <p>Total cost of the completed project £10,628,838</p>	<p>Recommendation to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid B22-06 for £152,504.86; £43,618.07 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund (Sudbury) and £108,886.79 from the Local Infrastructure Fund.</p>

**Decisions for Cabinet to note: Delegated Decisions – Ringfenced and Local Infrastructure Funds.**

CIL Bid, Location and Infrastructure Proposed	Amount of CIL Bid and total cost of the infrastructure	Cabinet Decision
B21-03 SUDBURY – to provide a Community Bus Transport parking area - Alexander Road Chilton Industrial Estate	<p>Amount of CIL Bid £2,024.72</p> <p>Total cost of the project £2,689.72</p> <p>Total of other funding obtained by Bid applicants from BDC Communities – Minor Grant - for £665</p>	<p>Recommendation to Cabinet to note the Delegated decision for CIL Bid B21-03 for £2,024.72 from the Local Infrastructure Fund</p>

B21-05 BENTLEY	<p>Amount of CIL Bid £5706.00</p> <p>Total cost of the project ££9,988.00</p> <p>Total of other funding obtained by Bid applicants from BDC Communities – s106 for ££1,159.59</p> <p>Bentley Parish Council Funds - £3,122.41</p>	<p>Recommendation to Cabinet to note the Delegated decision for CIL Bid B21-05 for £5706.00 from the Local Infrastructure Fund</p>
B22-04 SUDBURY – Provision of CCTV facilities for Kingfisher Leisure Centre	<p>Amount of CIL Bid £5416.21</p> <p>Total cost of the project £6,499.45 including VAT (which can be claimed back)</p>	<p>Recommendation to Cabinet to note the Delegated decision for CIL Bid B22-04 for £5,416.21 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund (Sudbury)</p>

**1.2 Cabinet are also asked to note and endorse this CIL Expenditure Programme which includes the position in respect of approved CIL Bids from Rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. (Appendix A Section B) together with details of emerging infrastructure /CIL Bids (Appendix A Section C).**

## **REASON FOR DECISION**

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies have been collected since the implementation of CIL on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The CIL Expenditure Framework (originally adopted in April 2018 and reviewed with amendments adopted on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and with further amendments on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020, March 2021 (and suggested for consideration in September 2022) requires the production of a CIL Expenditure Programme for each District which contains decisions for Cabinet to make or note on CIL Bids for CIL expenditure. These decisions relating to the expenditure of CIL monies form one of the ways in which necessary infrastructure supporting growth is delivered.

### **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

There is a diverse spectrum of approaches to CIL expenditure across the country from Unitary Authorities who have absorbed CIL into their individual Capital Programmes to others who ringfence all funds to be spent locally. A range of different approaches was identified in Appendix A of the Framework for CIL Expenditure report provided to Cabinet's on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2018 and discussed in full during the workshops with the Joint Member advisory panel. Members adopted the documents set out in paragraph 1.1 above by Council decision in April 2018 which were subsequently reviewed and adopted on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (Babergh) and 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (Mid Suffolk) and then reviewed for the second and third time and adopted by both Councils on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 (Babergh) and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (Mid Suffolk) respectively. The fourth review took place in June 2022 and Mid Suffolk approved the

changes on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022. All the changes/documents will be considered by Babergh on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**Any Declarations of Interests Declared:** Councillor Busby declared an Other Registrable Interest due to being Vice Chair of Chapel Community Trust and left the meeting for the duration of this item.

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None

## **BCa/22/22 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - ANNUAL REVIEW OF SUDBURY & DISTRICT CAB**

**It was RESOLVED: -**

**That Cabinet considers the report from Joint Overview and Scrutiny and agrees its response to the recommendations in the report as detailed in paragraph 4, and in line with the Council's response to the Cost of Living Crisis and the five point plan that will look at a better system of connectivity between partners, including the CAB, the Council and system wide partners.**

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

To respond to the recommendations in the report from the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

- 1.1 Recommendation A & B: The O & S Committee thanked both CABs at the December meeting and were assured both CABs are operating effectively and efficiently and responded well to all questioning from members
- 1.2 To accept or reject:
  - Recommendation C: The Councils take a single view of debt and implement an integrated system for dealing with housing rent and council tax debt;
  - Recommendation D: Contact be made with foodbanks with a request that their clients are referred to the CAB for advice on nutrition and budgeting and cookery skills classes; and
  - Recommendation E: Remote virtual operation capability for CAB and other bodies should be provided on an accelerated programme as a matter of urgency defining locations, IT equipment and applications, training, and connectivity.
  - Recommendation F: That the 3-year rolling funding arrangement in place for Sudbury & District CA be subject to indexation on an annual review basis.
  - Recommendation G: That the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee review the CAB in December 2022
  - Recommendation H: That extra funding be provided to Sudbury Citizens Advice to enable greater provision for debt advice across the whole district.

The Councils Cost of Living 5 Point Plan and appointment of a dedicated Cost of Living Co-ordinator, agreed at Cabinet (BCa/22/3) on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022, will address recommendations C-F & H, and identifies a 'one off' 30% uplift provided to the Sudbury and District CAB 2022/23 annual revenue grant.

**Any Declarations of Interests Declared:** Councillor Osborne declared an Other Registrable Interest due to being a Trustee of Sudbury and District Citizen Advice.

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None

## **BCa/22/23 TREE CANOPY COVER SURVEY - PROPOSALS TO CABINET**

It was **RESOLVED:** -

- 1.1 The Cabinet resolves to publish in full the web maps and canopy cover survey data on the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils' website**
- 1.2 The Cabinet resolves to develop a formal Tree Planting Strategy to guide all future tree planting within the District to ensure that, where possible, the greatest benefit is achieved.**
- 1.3 The Cabinet resolves to identify feasible canopy cover percentages for each ward, options for delivery of planting to achieve this target and the creation of a vision for the future.**
- 1.4 The Cabinet resolves to delegate authority to the Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Travel along with the Director of Operations to complete these actions.**

### **REASON FOR DECISION**

The Tree Canopy Survey has, for the first time, provided quantifiable evidence to prove the value of trees as an incredible natural capital asset. Publishing the data will be invaluable in helping people understand the benefits of trees. Developing a strategic delivery model for increasing canopy cover across Babergh District ensures we are planting the right tree in the right place to provide benefits to residents and wildlife.

### **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

Internal use of the data only. This is not the recommended option as the canopy cover data encompasses the entire land area in the district and provides information which could benefit other organisations, parishes, and individual residents.

**Any Declarations of Interests Declared:** None

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None