

Monday, 3 October 2022



BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

**DECISIONS BY THE BABERGH CABINET
CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON 12 OCTOBER 2022**

The following decisions have been taken by the Babergh Cabinet and will come into effect on 13 October 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/22/25 BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLKS PARKING STRATEGY 2022-2042

It was **RESOLVED**: -

- 1.1 That the background evidence reports provided to support the new parking strategy be noted.
- 1.2 That the new parking strategy for Babergh and its proposed recommendations, accepting that some recommendations may require full business cases to be approved by Cabinet at a later date be approved.
- 1.3 That delegated authority for the Director of Economic Growth and Climate Change in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment to deliver proposed recommendations through the creation of a focused implementation plan, subject to any business case approvals required as part of 1.2 above be approved.

REASON FOR DECISION

To set out the councils' ambitions for parking for the short, medium and long term, by helping to shape the future growth of the district, enhance the quality of the local environment, and provide a prospectus for investment.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

To continue without a parking strategy – this option was not taken up due to the previous Cabinet decision in August 2021 to pursue a clear and joined-up parking strategy that looks at

all elements of parking which is everything from on-street and off-street, through to the economic, environmental, and community impacts.

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/22/26 EXEMPTION OF RIGHT TO BUY RECEIPTS FOR NEW COUNCIL HOUSING FROM POOLING

It was RESOLVED: -

That application for exemption from pooling for all Right to Buy receipts from the sale of existing council homes built or acquired since July 2008 and homes built or acquired by the Council going forward be approved.

REASON FOR DECISION

Exemption from pooling for the sale of these homes would mean that the Council retains more flexibility in how it uses these capital receipts and can apply them to any Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital expenditure or to repay debt without time restrictions.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

There are no other available options.

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/22/27 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION (WORKING AGE) SCHEME 2023/24 - CONCLUSION

It was RESOLVED: -

- 1.1 To consult on Option 3 as set out in Appendix B of this report as the basis for a revised (Working Age) Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2023/24.**
- 1.2 To authorise the Director for Corporate Resources following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance to initiate the formal consultation on the proposed revision to the Babergh District Council (Working Age) Council Tax Reduction Local Scheme.**

REASON FOR DECISION

- 1.1 To increase the maximum reduction available to 100% and reduce the number of customers undergoing recovery processes.
- 1.2 To avoid unnecessary means testing and provide equitable access to CTR for all customers who receive welfare benefits.
- 1.3 To reduce the requirement for recalculation of awards for customers on UC with fluctuating earnings.

- 1.4 To ensure that no customer is disadvantaged on the introduction of the new CTR Scheme
- 1.5 To meet the statutory consultation requirements and inform future decision making

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

- 1.1 Option 1
Renew the existing Working Age LCTR Scheme to allow an up to 100% maximum reduction for all households.
- 1.2 Option 2
Renew the existing Working Age LCTR Scheme to allow an up to 100% maximum reduction for all legacy benefit households and introduce a simplified scheme for UC customers that will allow 'passport' claims to be automated based on the UC financial data without additional verification.
- 1.3 Option 4
Continue with the existing Working Age LCTR Scheme of up to 95% maximum reduction for all households

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None