



AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 2022 – 5.30 PM

Members of the Council are summoned to a meeting of the Babergh District Council at King Edmund Chamber, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich on Tuesday, 22nd November, 2022 at 5.30 pm.

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

Arthur Charvonja
Chief Executive



BABERGH COUNCIL	
DATE:	TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2022 5.30 PM
VENUE:	KING EDMUND CHAMBER, ENDEAVOUR HOUSE, 8 RUSSELL ROAD, IPSWICH

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MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC PRESENT

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS

**3 BC/22/32 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
ON 25 OCTOBER 2022**

To follow

**4 BC/22/33 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND
LEADER 9 - 10**

In addition to any announcements made at the meeting, please see Paper BC/22/33 attached, detailing events attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

**5 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. There can be no debate or comment upon these matters at the Council meeting.

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The Chairman of the Council 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.

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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.

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CMU1 – Cabinet Member for Economic Growth 11 – 16

CMU2 – Cabinet Member for Planning 17 – 19

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Residents of our district are deeply concerned about water quality and the impact of regular wastewater discharge, which includes untreated sewage, into our local rivers and seas and the impact on wildlife and on human health.

Last year, we know that there were 288 sewage storm overflow spills into Babergh District's rivers, including the Stour, for a total duration of 1,861 hours (more than a fifth of the year). The Stour is widely used for swimming, boating and fishing.

As the district's population rises with new housing, releasing sewage into rivers is no longer an emergency-only situation occurring as a result of severe storms, but an everyday occurrence even in 'normal' rainfall.

Anglian Water is a statutory consultee to major planning applications but its response relates to whether it has capacity in the sewage network, rather than whether it has treatment capacity. We believe Anglian Water needs to be encouraged to consider its sewage treatment capacity in the light of rising numbers of homes and businesses in the district.

Motion

This Council resolves to:

1. Ask the chair of the scrutiny committee to invite senior officers of Anglian Water plus senior representatives from the Environment Agency and Natural England to attend a meeting to answer questions on the current levels of sewage discharge.
2. Ensure that in gathering evidence for future iterations of the local plan the council consider the cumulative impact of sewage when deciding the overall level of housing and other development. The council notes that decisions about allocations in the Joint Local Plan will be guided by an updated Water Cycle Study. This should take into account the impact of combined sewer overflow spills on water courses.
3. Ask Anglian Water, from this date onwards, in its planning consultation responses for major development, to clarify which treatment works will be managing the sewage; whether it has the information available to assess the impact on the number or duration of sewage discharges into local rivers or seas, and if it does have this information to share it (noting that this can only be requested not required).
4. Request that planning officers, from now onwards, include in all reports relating to major development a specific section on the impact on watercourses, including the potential for the development to affect sewage outflow into watercourses (i.e. cumulative impact), or to flag if this information is not fully available, so that this information (or the lack of it) is clearly and transparently set out.

Proposer: Cllr Robert Lindsay

Seconder: Cllr John Ward

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TO CONSIDER THE MOTION ON NOTICE RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR WARD

INTRODUCTION TO THE MODEL DEBATE NOT HATE CAMPAIGN MOTION

The Model motion is a template that councillors and councils can use to publicly demonstrate their commitment to improving the quality of public and political debate and challenging abuse and intimidation of people in public life by signing up to the LGA Debate Not Hate campaign.

Councils that have passed a motion should email debatenotehate@local.gov.uk to be added to the public list of organisations supporting the campaign. Councils who've signed up will receive more information of how councils can support the campaign and improve support for councillors in their local area. Councillors can find more information on the [Debate Not Hate campaign website](#).

Model Debate Not Hate Motion:

The intimidation and abuse of councillors, in person or otherwise, undermines democracy; preventing elected members from representing the communities they serve, deterring individuals from standing for election, and undermining public life in democratic processes.

This council notes that increasing levels of toxicity in public and political discourse is having a detrimental impact on local democracy and that prevention, support and responses to abuse and intimidation of local politicians must improve to ensure councillors feel safe and able to continue representing their residents.

This council therefore commits to challenge the normalisation of abuse against councillors and uphold exemplary standards of public and political debate in all it does. The council further agrees to sign up to the LGA's Debate Not Hate campaign. The campaign aims to raise public awareness of the role of councillors in local communities, encourage healthy debate and improve the response to and support for local politicians facing abuse and intimidation.

In addition, the council resolves to:

- Write to the local Member of Parliament to ask them to support the campaign
- Write to the Government to ask them to work with the LGA to develop and implement a plan to address abuse and intimidation of politicians
- Regularly review the support available to councillors in relation to abuse and intimidation and councillor safety
- Work with the local police to ensure there is a clear and joined-up mechanism for reporting threats and other concerns about the safety of councillors and their families
- Take a zero-tolerance approach to abuse of councillors and officers

Proposer: Cllr John Ward

Seconder: Cllr Sue Carpendale

Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 20 December 2022 at 5.30 pm.

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

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