



AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 2023 – 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 Monday, 20th February, 2023 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:	MONDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2023 5.30 PM
VENUE:	KING EDMUND CHAMBER, ENDEAVOUR HOUSE, 8 RUSSELL ROAD, IPSWICH IP1 2BX

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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS

3 BC/22/39 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2023 7 - 14

4 BC/22/40 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND LEADER 15 - 16

In addition to any announcements made at the meeting, please see Paper BC/22/40 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.

6 **QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES**

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.

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

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.

8 **BC/22/41 GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2023/24 AND FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK** 17 - 78

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 6 February 2023, Cabinet considered Paper BCa/22/39, the General Fund Budget for 2023/24 and four-year outlook. Paper BC/22/41 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.

9 **BC/22/42 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) 2023/24 BUDGET** 79 - 90

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 6 February 2023, Cabinet considered Paper BCa/22/40, the Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2023/24. Paper BC/22/42 includes all relevant updated information and includes the necessary recommendations.

10 **BC/22/43 CASE FOR A NEW JOINT DEPOT** 91 - 102

Cabinet Member for Assets & Investments

11 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC (WHICH TERM INCLUDES THE PRESS)**

To consider whether, pursuant to Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public should be excluded from the meeting for the business specified below on the grounds that if the public were present during this item, it is likely that there would be the disclosure to them of exempt information as indicated against the item.

The author of the report proposed to be considered in Part 2 of the Agenda is satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

PART 2

12 **RESTRICTED APPENDIX - CASE FOR A NEW JOINT DEPOT** 103 - 122
(Exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1)

Cabinet Member for Assets & Investments

13 **RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC (WHICH TERM INCLUDES THE PRESS)**

PART 1

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14 **BC/22/44 JOINT CAPITAL, INVESTMENT AND TREASURY** 123 - 192
MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES 2023/24

Co-Chair of Joint Audit and Standards Committee

At its meeting on 30 January 2023, Joint Audit and Standards Committee considered Paper JAC/21/42, the Joint Capital, Investment and Treasury Management Strategies. Paper BC/22/44 now includes all the relevant updated information, together with the necessary recommendations.

15 **COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENTS**

16 **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 22 March 2023 at 5.30 pm.

Webcasting/ Live Streaming

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