



AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, 23RD JANUARY 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, 23rd January, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arthur Charvonja'.

Arthur Charvonja
Chief Executive



BABERGH COUNCIL	
DATE:	MONDAY, 23 JANUARY 2023 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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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS

3 BC/22/34 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 NOVEMBER 2022 7 - 14

4 BC/22/35 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND LEADER 15 - 16

In addition to any announcements made at the meeting, please see Paper BC/22/35 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.

a	BCa/22/38 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION (WORKING AGE) SCHEME 2023/24	47 - 62
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Cabinet Member for Finance, Assets and Investments

At its meeting on 9th January 2023, Cabinet considered Paper BCa/22/38 – Council Tax Reduction (Working Age) Scheme 2023/24. The recommendation set out in the report was accepted.

It was RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

That Option 3 (as set out in Appendix C of the report) be used as the basis for a revised (Working Age) Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2023/24.

In addition the following recommendations as a result of the Governments announcements in the Provisional Settlement relating to the additional local Council Tax Support award for 2023/24.

- That Council approves the introduction of an additional Local Council Tax Support award for 2023/24 of up to at least £25 per recipient where residual liability for Council Tax exists, as permitted under Section 13A (1) (c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- That Council gives authority to the Director for Corporate Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance to agree Local Discretionary Policy as permitted under Section 13A (1) (c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to determine the method of distribution for any funds remaining from the additional Council Tax Support Fund for 2023/24
- Links to the Government website containing information on the scheme:
[16/2022: Council Tax information letter - 23 December 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
[Council Tax Support Fund guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

- b **JAC/21/38 HALF YEAR REPORT ON TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2022/23** 63 - 96
- Co-Chair of Joint Audit and Standards Committee
- At its meeting on 28 November 2022, the Joint Audit and Standards Committee considered Paper JAC/21/38 – Half Year Report on Treasury Management 2022/23. The recommendations set out in the report were accepted.
- It was RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:**
- 1) That the Treasury Management activity for the first six months of 2022/23 as set out in report JAC/21/38 and Appendices be noted.
 - 2) That it be noted that Babergh District Council’s treasury management activity for the first six months of 2022/23 was in accordance with the approved Treasury Management Strategy, and that the Council has complied with all the Treasury Management Indicators for this period.
- Note – It is a requirement of the Code of Practice on Treasury Management that full Council notes the Half-Year position.
- 11 **BC/22/37 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS 2022** 97 - 104
- Electoral Registration Officer
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- Chief Executive
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Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 20 February 2023 at 5.30 pm.

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