



# **AGENDA**

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **TUESDAY, 18TH JULY 2023 – 5.30 PM**

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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, 18th July, 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

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<b>BABERGH COUNCIL</b>	
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TUESDAY, 18 JULY 2023 5.30 PM</b>
<b>VENUE:</b>	<b>KING EDMUND CHAMBER, ENDEAVOUR HOUSE, 8 RUSSELL ROAD, IPSWICH</b>

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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/23/6 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 MAY 2023** 9 - 20

**4 BC/23/7 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND LEADER** 21 - 22

In addition to any announcements made at the meeting, please see Paper BC/23/7 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/23/8 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23 AND DRAFT WORK PLAN 2023/24**        23 - 48
- Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 9        **BC/23/9 CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**        49 - 52
- The Monitoring Officer
- 10       **BC/23/10 GREENHOUSE GAS REPORT 2021-22**        53 - 70
- Cabinet Member for Environment
- 11       **BC/23/11 REVIEW OF THE DELIVERY OF THE 2023 DISTRICT, TOWN & PARISH ELECTIONS**        71 - 104
- The Returning Officer

12 **COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENTS**

To agree the following appointments:

**JOINT AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Simon Dowling (replacing Ruth Hendry)

**SHARED REVENUES PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE**

Jessie Carter  
Alastair McCraw  
Derek Davis (Sub)  
Daniel Potter (Sub)

**EAST WEST MAIN LINE PARTNERSHIP**

Tim Regester

**IPSWICH STRATEGIC PLANNING AREA BOARD**

Dave Busby (Sub)

**SUFFOLK COASTAL FORUM**

Derek Davis

**SUFFOLK FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE**

Daniel Potter (Sub)

**SUFFOLK HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

Sallie Davies  
Deborah Saw (Sub)

**ARMED FORCES CHAMPION**

Derek Davis  
Simon Dowling (Sub)

**COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW WORKING GROUP**

Margaret Maybury

13 **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

13a **TO CONSIDER THE MOTION ON NOTICE RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR JAMIESON**

In July 2019, Babergh District Council declared a climate emergency and committed to investigating ways to reduce its emissions and contribute toward the Suffolk-wide ambition to become carbon neutral by 2030. Shortly afterwards Babergh council declared a biodiversity emergency and made similar commitments to species and habitat conservation.

And since then, councillors approved a number of proposals in support of this motion such as,

- 1) Creating a joint Sustainable Travel Action Plan with Mid Suffolk District Council, to encourage a permanent shift towards sustainable transport such as cycling, walking and public transport throughout the district.
- 2) To reduce the intensity and extent of outdoor lighting
- 3) Making commitments to enhance and protect biodiversity

This Council notes that since the carbon emergency acknowledgment, made in 2019, an election has occurred – with 14 new Cllrs across all parties now in post.

With no improvement in the Climate or biodiversity emergencies I would like to take this opportunity for this Council and new councillors to reiterate, once again, its commitment to make its services carbon neutral by 2030.

**Proposer: Cllr Leigh Jamieson**  
**Secunder: Cllr Daniel Potter**

13b **TO CONSIDER THE MOTION ON NOTICE RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR WARD**

For the avoidance of doubt, Babergh District Council considers its role of protecting and promoting the interests of the district's communities, businesses and environment to be of utmost importance and we recognise the contribution Babergh makes to the unique character and quality of Suffolk and the wider eastern region.

The Council acknowledges the national importance of strategic energy infrastructure for the transition to net zero. We have previously stated a preference for a coordinated, offshore approach to the delivery of transmission reinforcement, import and export objectives including consolidation of offshore connections and onshore infrastructure together with appropriate management of construction activities to effectively minimise and mitigate harm to Suffolk's communities and environment.

While the Council will be making a formal response to the non-statutory consultation on the Norwich to Tilbury overhead line project (formerly East Anglia Green) in due course, through this motion we re-state publicly, on behalf of our communities, our objection to the proposed pylon line, and our strong preference for an integrated offshore approach.

We therefore agree that the Chair of the Council will write to the relevant government minister to communicate these objections.

**Proposer: Cllr John Ward**  
**Seconder: Cllr David Busby**

**Date and Time of next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 19 September 2023 at 5.30 pm.

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