



AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 23RD JANUARY 2024 – 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, 23rd January, 2024 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, 23 JANUARY 2024 5.30 PM
VENUE:	KING EDMUND CHAMBER, ENDEAVOUR HOUSE, 8 RUSSELL ROAD, IPSWICH

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In addition to any announcements made at the meeting, please see Paper BC/23/30 attached, detailing events attended by the Chair and Vice-Chair.

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 Chair 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 Chair of the Council, the Chairs 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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To agree the following appointments:

Suffolk Enhanced Bus Partnership

Leigh Jamieson
Elisabeth Malvisi
John Ward

Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board

Deborah Saw (replacing Sallie Davies)

13 **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

Date and Time of next meeting

Please note that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 20 February 2024 at 5.30 pm.

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Agenda Item 3

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **BABERGH COUNCIL** held in the King Edmund Chamber, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich on Tuesday, 21 November 2023

PRESENT:

Councillor: Elisabeth Malvisi (Chair)

Councillors:	Peter Beer	David Busby
	Jane Carruthers	Jessie Carter
	Paul Clover	Helen Davies
	Sallie Davies	Derek Davis
	Simon Dowling (Vice-Chair)	Kathryn Grandon
	Ruth Hendry	Michael Holt
	Bryn Hurren	Leigh Jamieson
	Alastair McCraw	Mary McLaren
	Mark Newman	Adrian Osborne
	Alison Owen	Lee Parker
	Stephen Plumb	Daniel Potter
	Isabelle Reece	Tim Regester
	Brian Riley	Laura Smith
	John Ward	John Whyman

In attendance:

Officers: Chief Executive (AC)
Deputy Chief Executive (KN)
Director – Building and Planning Control (TB)
Interim Monitoring Officer and Corporate Manager – Law and Governance (JR)
Corporate Manager – Strategic Planning (RH)
Assistant Manager – Governance (HH)

Apologies:

Margaret Maybury
John Nunn
Deborah Saw

62 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS

- 62.1 The Monitoring Officer granted dispensations for all Councillors in respect of Paper BC/23/27 Joint Local Development Scheme 2023-2026, and Paper BC/23/28 Joint Local Plan.
- 62.2 There were no declarations of interests from Councillors.

63 BC/23/25 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 OCTOBER 2023

It was RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2023 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

64 BC/23/26 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND LEADER

64.1 The Chair referred Councillors to Paper BC/23/26 for noting.

64.2 The Chair invited the Acting Leader of the Council to make his announcements.

64.3 Councillor Ward made the following announcements:

“We were pleased to hear we have been awarded funding of £115,000 to help offset increased utility costs at Hadleigh Pool & Leisure. The successful bid came from the Sport England Phase 1 Swimming Pool Grants funding. Unfortunately, a first-round bid for funding to help the Kingfisher Leisure Centre in Sudbury was unsuccessful. As councillors will know, swimming pools are particularly dependent on energy use, so inflation and soaring energy bills have put leisure providers under increasing financial pressure. We obviously welcome this funding, and hope for further support in the second round for all our pools and leisure centres facing the same challenge.

It is a month since severe flooding hit a number of our communities, and for many of our residents the recovery continues. The Government has announced grants for homes and businesses that were impacted - £500 for homes, and £2,500 for businesses – to assist with initial recovery costs. Babergh District Council has been working with neighbouring districts and Suffolk County Council to get these grants to those eligible as quickly as we can. We will be able to start distributing funding before the end of this month. I would like to remind everyone that all reports of property flooding need to be submitted via the Suffolk County Council website.

You may have seen the announcement earlier today that we have launched a new ‘Living Well in Winter’ grant to help communities tackle issues like social isolation and the need for ‘warm spaces’ this winter. The funding means that the councils can help communities tackle social isolation and address the choice for some residents of whether to heat or eat this winter as the cost-of-living crisis continues to take its toll. Community groups can apply for a minimum of £500 and a maximum of £2,000. Applications are now open and can be submitted until Sunday, 17th December.

You will all probably be aware now that the Suffolk Borough and District Leaders wrote an open letter of support to the leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council, Councillor Bridget Smith, regarding their trial of a four-day working week. This is not about the merits or otherwise of a 4-day week, but it is about local autonomy. This is a matter for a local authority alone and the government shouldn't intervene: it sets a dangerous precedent. Councils must be allowed to make their own informed decisions. The decision to serve a Best Value Notice is heavy-handed and tantamount to bullying. The council must now answer up to 80 questions totalling 186 individual requests from government every week, which will be very time-consuming and costly to do. They also have to provide cost and performance data going back to 2018. It is a misuse of the Best Value Notice process and no evidence that one is necessary has been provided. Councillor Smith was very grateful for our support and thanked us for what she said was an incredibly kind and helpful letter.

You will have received an email from Councillor James Giles of the Royal Borough of Kingston at the weekend asking you to sign a letter regarding the situation in Gaza on behalf of an organisation called Councillors for a Ceasefire. The tone of the email has caused a lot of worry and fear for many, and the LGA chairman, Councillor Shaun Davies, has sent out an urgent message reassuring us that no contact data was supplied by the LGA. However, I know that some of you are concerned by the small print at the end of the email, which states 'You are receiving this email because you opted in via our website', and I have written to Councillor Shaun Davies to seek clarification. This is further complicated by Councillor Giles sending his email from his Kingston email address. I will update you when I have further information."

64.3 Councillor Holt commented that not all Members were consulted on the letter sent to South Cambridgeshire District Council and requested or this to happen for future correspondence to confirm Members' agreement.

65 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

65.1 None received.

66 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

66.1 None received.

67 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

Question 1

Councillor Beer to Councillor Sallie Davies, Cabinet Member for Planning

Our mission is to “Provide strong, proud and inspirational leadership; striving for excellence, and together building great communities for everyone to live, work, visit and invest in”.

Can the Cabinet Member please inform us how many homes have the Planning Committee approved for construction since 4th May 2023 and similarly how many had been occupied?

Response from Councillor Sallie Davies, Cabinet Member for Planning

Babergh’s Planning Committee have had 2 applications for housing since the election in May 2023, one for a single dwelling and one for 43 dwellings, both were refused. However, we have issued planning permission for over 800 dwellings since the election and planning officers under delegated powers have approved 64 dwellings.

Supplementary question from Councillor Beer

If we have not approved any since May, I believe in our policy it is 416 that Babergh is expected to provide towards the Governments total, is this correct and at the rate we are going on is this a minimum because the 880 are nothing to do with the question asked.

Response from Councillor Sallie Davies

It’s not that we haven’t approved any since the elections, Planning Officers have approved 64 dwellings since the election. For the year April to March 2023 there were over 600 completions, that’s against the annual requirement of 416 as you rightly said. Picking up the second part of your question about occupation, we’ve seen 347 homes completed for occupation since the election.

Question 2

Councillor Riley to Councillor Ward, Acting Leader of the Council

Babergh-Mid Suffolk are advertising for a political assistant to support the new Green Party administration at an exciting time for Mid Suffolk District Council.

Would you kindly confirm that no costs for this post will fall upon the taxpayers and residents of Babergh District Council and that any recruitment by Babergh District Council for a similar post will come to full council for approval prior to the post being advertised.

Response from Councillor Ward, Acting Leader of the Council

In response to the first part of your question, although the two Councils are working together in a very successful partnership, we are separate Councils with our own budgets and spending programmes. The political assistant is solely a Mid Suffolk matter and will be covered within their budget.

No part of it will be financed by Babergh. Just as the Mid Suffolk report went to their Council in September, the same would apply to us should it be proposed at Babergh. I must stress at this point that we have no plans to follow. I am not convinced of its value and we can't afford it.

68 BC/23/27 BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK JOINT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2023-2026

68.1 The Chair invited Councillor Sallie Davies, Cabinet Member for Planning, to introduce Paper BC/23/27, Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Development Scheme 2023-2026.

68.2 Councillor Sallie Davies introduced the report to Members and provided an overview of the contents of the report including the supplementary planning documents. Councillor Davies then **PROPOSED** the recommendations as detailed in the report.

68.3 Councillor Ward **SECONDED** the recommendations.

68.4 In response to a question from Councillor Busby regarding the completion dates for the scheme, Councillor Sallie Davies confirmed that the scheme would be submitted to the planning inspector in June 2025 and would be ready for adoption in December 2026.

68.5 Councillor Ward stressed the importance of the document and the amount of work which had been undertaken, he stated that a high degree of management would be required to avoid slippage in the timetable.

68.6 Councillor Holt commented that a lot of the details contained in the proposed scheme would have implications for both existing Neighbourhood Plans and those currently being developed. Councillor Holt urged all officers to liaise with Parish Councils to ensure they are kept up to date with all relevant information.

68.7 Councillor Sallie Davies assured Members that officers were aware of the importance of the timetable, and the implications for Neighbourhood Plans.

By a unanimous vote of 29 votes for.

It was RESOLVED:

That the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Development Scheme 2023-2026 (November 2023) (Appendix A of the report) is agreed and brought into effect from 21st November 2023 in Babergh.

69 BC/23/28 BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK JOINT LOCAL PLAN FOR ADOPTION

- 69.1 Councillor Sallie Davies, Cabinet Member for Planning, introduced Paper BC/23/28 Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan for Adoption, outlining the work which had taken place in preparing the plan. Councillor Sallie Davies thanked the officers involved, and the previous Cabinet Member for Planning, Councillor Clive Arthey.
- 69.2 Councillor Sallie Davies **PROPOSED** the recommendations. Councillor Ward **SECONDED** the motion.
- 69.3 Councillor Potter referred to the biodiversity net gain target and asked what, if anything, would prevent the target of 20% being achieved.
- 69.4 Councillor Sallie Davies advised that the minimum requirement for net gain in new developments was 10%, and that the Plan would seek to achieve the 20% target via the Supplementary Planning Documents on Biodiversity and Trees.
- 69.5 Councillor Riley asked whether it could be acknowledged that there would be deficit from previous years, and requested confirmation that it was the intention to make Babergh an affluent area and not living beyond its means.
- 69.6 In response, the Director for Planning and Building Control advised that the Plan aimed to deliver sustainable growth throughout the Plan period, and that the Council had delivered, through planning permissions, a significant number of the dwellings required across the Plan period, and confirmed he was confident that Babergh District Council would be able to achieve the housing needs required.
- 69.7 Councillor Holt commented that although he welcomed Part 1 of the Joint Local Plan, the plan could not be considered a success as it was incomplete and Part 2 of the Plan was still to be completed.
- 69.8 Councillor Jamieson agreed that the Plan was not perfect and had taken a considerable amount of time however he was in support of the Plan.
- 69.9 Councillor Ward highlighted the difficulty of preparing the Plan, and the examination process, and commented that the importance of the policies contained in Part 1 must not be diminished. Councillor Ward went on to state that this was a momentous moment for both Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils and provided clarity of the planning policies. Councillor Ward expressed his gratitude to Councillor Clive Arthey for his work on the Joint Local Plan.
- 69.10 Councillor Derek Davis endorsed the comments made by Councillor Ward regarding Councillor Arthey, he commented that the next stage was to ensure that the hard work undertaken by the officers was not wasted and that Members were fully trained and using the plan to its full advantage.

- 69.11 Councillor McCraw referred to the issue of the Plan being in two parts and felt that there were advantages to this approach in that it provided time to continue developing the supplementary planning documents and enabled the current Members to contribute to these.
- 69.12 Councillor Busby raised concerns with the process, in particular the time it would take to complete Part 2 of the Plan, commenting that there was desperate need for social housing throughout the district which may not be able to be delivered through the existing approved applications.
- 69.13 Councillor Riley commented that the Council should be working with the Private Sector, and that the Plan needed to ensure that the Council was open for business and made Babergh an attractive place to be.
- 69.14 The Director for Planning and Building Control provided clarification that should the Plan be approved, this would not preclude Committee Members from granting planning permissions in accordance with the policies within Part 1 of the Plan without Part 2 being approved.
- 69.15 Councillor Beer sought assurance that better skills and employment opportunities for residents were being encouraged to enable them to afford properties in the District.
- 69.16 In response, Councillor Derek Davis, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, advised that every effort was being made for regeneration sites to be opened, and agreed that there was a need to develop skills and provide a good level of wages to enable people to afford homes.
- 69.17 Councillor Potter welcomed the policies relating to Houseboat dwellers in Part 2 of the plan, and the policies on air quality relating to AONB sites.

By a unanimous vote of 29 votes for.

It was RESOLVED:

That the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan DPD (November 2023) (Appendix A) be approved for adoption under Regulation 26 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

70 COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENTS

70.1 There were no changes to placings.

71 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

71.1 None received.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 6.17 pm.

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Chair

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL - 23 JANUARY 2024

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	CHAIR	VICE CHAIR
DECEMBER 2023				
West Suffolk Civic Carol Service	St Edmundsbury Cathedral	04-Dec	✓	
Haverhill Civic Carol Service	St Mary's Church, Haverhill	06-Dec	✓	
JANUARY 2024				
Ipswich Mayor's Burns Supper	Council Chamber, Ipswich Town Hall	21-Jan	✓	

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Agenda Item 8a

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL and MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: BDC Council MSDC Council	REPORT NUMBER: BC/23/31
FROM: Melissa Evans, Director, Corporate Resources	DATE OF MEETING: 23 January 2024 25 January 2024
OFFICER: Mike Hirst, Assistant Manager – Financial Accountant Sue Palmer, Senior Capital Finance Business Partner	KEY DECISION REF NO. N/A

HALF YEAR REPORT ON TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2023/24

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The report is part of the Councils' management and governance arrangements for Treasury Management activity under the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management ("the Code"). It provides Members with a comprehensive assessment of activities for the first six months of the financial year 2023/24.
- 1.2 The report specifically sets out the performance of the treasury management function, the effects of the decisions taken, and the transactions executed during the first six months of 2023/24 and any circumstances of non-compliance with the Councils' treasury management policy statement and treasury management practices.

2. OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 This report fulfils the Councils' legal obligations to have regard to the Code and there are no other options to consider.

3. RECOMMENDATION TO BOTH COUNCILS

- 3.1 That the Treasury Management activity for the first six months of 2023/24 as set out in this report and Appendices be noted.

RECOMMENDATION TO BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

- 3.2 That it be noted that Babergh District Council's treasury management activity for the first six months of 2023/24 was in accordance with the approved Treasury Management Strategy, and that the Council has complied with all the Treasury Management Indicators for this period.

RECOMMENDATION TO MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

- 3.3 That it be noted that Mid Suffolk District Council's treasury management activity for the first six months of 2023/24 was in accordance with the approved Treasury Management Strategy, and that, except for one occasion when the Council exceeded its daily bank account limit with Lloyds, as mentioned in Appendix C, paragraph 4.1, the Council has complied with all the Treasury Management Indicators for this period.

REASON FOR DECISION

It is a requirement of the Code of Practice on Treasury Management that full Council notes the Half-Year position.

4. KEY INFORMATION

- 4.1 The 2023/24 Treasury Management Strategy for both Councils was approved in February 2023.
- 4.2 The Strategy and activities are affected by several factors, including the regulatory framework, economic conditions, best practice and interest rate/liquidity risk. The attached appendices summarise the regulatory framework, economic background and information on key activities for the first six months of 2023/24.
- 4.3 The Half year report on treasury management 2023/24 was presented to Members at the Joint Audit and Standards Committee on 27 November 2023. Members agreed with the following recommendations;
- It was Recommended to Babergh Council: -
 - That it be noted that Babergh District Council's treasury management activity for the first six months of 2023/24 was in accordance with the approved Treasury Management Strategy, and that the Council has complied with all the Treasury Management Indicators for this period.

And

- It was Recommended to Mid Suffolk Council: -
 - That it be noted that Mid Suffolk District Council's treasury management activity for the first six months of 2023/24 was in accordance with the approved Treasury Management Strategy, and that, except for one occasion when the Council exceeded its daily bank account limit with Lloyds, as mentioned in Appendix C, paragraph 4.1, the Council has complied with all the Treasury Management Indicators for this period.
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- 4.4 The Section 151 Officer is pleased to report that all treasury management activities undertaken in the first half of the year complied fully with the CIPFA Code of Practice and the Councils' approved Treasury Management Strategy and that both Councils have complied with all the Treasury Management Indicators for this period.
- 4.5 The Treasury Management Indicators aim to ensure that the capital investments of local authorities are affordable, prudent, and sustainable and that treasury management decisions are taken in accordance with good professional practice.
- 4.6 Appendix D shows the position on key Treasury Management Indicators for the first six months of 2023/24.
- 4.7 Key points relating to activity for the first half of the year are set out below:

- The economic backdrop during the April 2023 to September 2023 continued to be characterised by ongoing high inflation and its impact on consumers' cost of living, high interest rates and flat GDP.
 - July 2023 data showed that the unemployment rate increased to 4.3% (3mth/year) while the employment rate rose to 75.5%. Pay growth was 8.5% for total pay (including bonuses) and 7.8% for regular pay, which for the latter was the highest recorded annual growth rate. Adjusting for inflation, pay growth in real terms were positive at 1.2% and 0.6% for total pay and regular pay respectively.
 - Consumer confidence continued to fall in October 2023, reaching -30 from -21 in September 2023, very low levels seen in that indicator as the outlook for the economy weakens over the coming years.
 - In November 2023 the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to keep bank rates stable at 5.25%. With the decision being a majority 6-3 to maintain rates, this supports the view that we may now be at the peak for Bank Rate, but the MPC were keen to reemphasise that rates will likely remain high for the foreseeable future until inflation is closer to the 2% target.
 - UK Inflation continued to fall from its peak as annual headline CPI declined to 6.7% in July 2023 from 6.8% in the previous month against expectations for a tick back up to 7.0%.
 - Investment of surplus funds - As market conditions, credit ratings and bank ring-fencing have changed during the year, institutions that the Councils invest with, and the period of the investments have been reviewed.
 - Credit risk scores were within the benchmark A- credit ratings.
 - Babergh's overall debt reduced by £9.2m, mainly due to repaying short-term local authority loans.
 - Mid Suffolk's overall debt reduced by £10.1m, due to receipts of money from Gateway 14 Ltd.
- 4.8 Money market funds, short-term deposits and call accounts are used to make short term investments on a daily basis.
- 4.9 Appendix A sets out the issues that are impacting on current and future treasury management activity.

5. LINKS TO JOINT CORPORATE PLAN

- 5.1 Ensuring that the Councils have the resources available underpins the ability to achieve the priorities set out in the Corporate Plans.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 As outlined in this report and appendices.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The legal status of the Treasury Management Code derives in England from regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 (the 2003 Act).

- 7.2 Local authorities are required by regulation to have regard to the Prudential Code when carrying out their duties under Part 1 of the 2003 Act.
- 7.3 The latest statutory guidance on local government investments was issued under section 15(1)(a) of the 2003 Act and effective for financial years commencing on or after 1 April 2018. Under that section local authorities “shall have regard to such guidance as the Secretary of State may issue”.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 The key risks are set out below:

Risk Description	Likelihood 1-4	Impact 1-4	Key Mitigation Measures	Risk Register and Reference
The income projections for the Councils investment in the Capital Investment Fund (CIFCO) may not be met	2	3	Implementation of strong corporate governance Engagement of independent professional advisers and preparation of annual audited accounts. Business Plan 23/24 approved by Council Review by Overview and Scrutiny Committee Council oversight of trading companies management accounts	SRR001
Income, capital and economic outcomes projected for Gateway 14 Ltd may not be delivered	2	3	Treasury management advice Business plan 23/24 approved by Holding Co Repayment of debt Knowledgeable and experienced Board of Directors Support from market leading experts Delivery Partner appointment Gateway14 Ltd is founding partner of Freeport East Council oversight of trading companies management accounts	SRR002
Babergh Council may be unable to react in a timely and effective way to financial demands	3	3	Inflationary risk reserve established to cover the impacts in 2022/23 Quarterly budget monitoring to Cabinets Reserves review Finance Transformation Plan Balance sheet review and monitoring Internal audit review of budget monitoring arrangements during 2021/22	SRR004BDC

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Babergh District Council may expose itself to financial risk through its own subsidiary companies and other commercial activities	3	4	Directors representing the Council Shareholders on the board Non-Exec Directors Management accounts shared with the Council Finance team monthly Director of Assets and Investments is a Director on each Company Board Director of Finance is provisioned with Company accounts annually in addition to receiving quarterly financial reporting Quarterly risk briefing attended by Risk Management Lead Discussions with external auditors - EY Advice from Treasury Managers - Arlingclose	SRR017BDC
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The Councils may be subject to fraud, corruption and bribery	2	3	Internal Audit annual 'Managing the Risk of Fraud and Corruption Report' approved by the Senior Leadership Team and the Joint Audit and Standards Committee Prevention of Financial Crime Policy Councillors and staff awareness of policies Internal Audit Fraud Risk Register Audit membership Suffolk Counter Fraud Group Dedicated on-line Fraud Referral platform for members of the public to report allegations of fraud and corruption Participation in mandatory bi-annual National Fraud Initiative (NFI) investigating data matches Intelligence sharing and use of data	SRR020
Non-compliance with legislation and regulatory standards.	3	2	Established policies and procedures External inspections Work undertaken by Internal Audit Regulatory standards, procedures and guidance from central government Requirement to complete statutory returns Appointment of a dedicated Policy Officer Appointment of a dedicated Compliance Officer Established complaints and Whistleblowing procedure Performance measuring General management oversight	SRR024
The councils may face significant increases in their borrowing costs	3	3	Review as part of treasury and investment strategy, and budget setting to ensure further decisions that incur borrowing are affordable	SRR025BDC
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9. CONSULTATIONS

- 9.1 Regular meetings have taken place with the Councils' treasury advisors, Arlingclose, who also provide important updates on treasury management issues as they arise.

10. EQUALITY ANALYSIS

- 10.1 An equality analysis has not been completed because the report content does not have any impact on the protected characteristics.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 On 25 September 2023 Joint Audit and Standards Committee received an update on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and the Councils investments (Report JAC/23/09). It was agreed by this Committee that further work was needed to establish investment criteria that aligns with the Councils carbon reduction commitment. Options for consideration on this matter will be presented to both Councils in the 2024/25 Treasury Management Strategy.
- 11.2 The Joint Audit and Standards Committee recognised that any decision to withdraw funds should be balanced against financial prudence.

12. APPENDICES

Title	Location
Background, Economy and Outlook	Appendix A
Borrowing Strategy	Appendix B
Investment Activity	Appendix C
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13. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 13.1 CIPFA's Code of Practice on Treasury Management ("the Code")
- 13.2 Joint Treasury Management Strategy 2023/24 (Paper JAC/21/42)
- 13.3 Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Update (JAC/23/09)

Background, Economy and Outlook

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In February 2012 both Councils adopted the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's *Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice* (the CIPFA Code) which requires the Councils to approve treasury management half year and annual reports.
- 1.2 This report includes the new requirement in the 2021 Code, mandatory from 1st April 2023, of quarterly reporting of the treasury management prudential indicators. The non-treasury prudential indicators are incorporated in the Councils normal quarterly financial monitoring report.
- 1.3 The Joint Treasury Management Strategy for 2023/24 was approved at both full Councils in January 2023. Both Councils have borrowed and invested substantial sums of money and are therefore exposed to financial risks including the loss of invested funds and the revenue effect of changing interest rates. The successful identification, monitoring and control of risk are therefore central to the Councils Treasury Management Strategy.

2. External Context

2.1 Economic background:

- 2.2 UK inflation remained stubbornly high over much the period compared to the US and euro zone, keeping expectations elevated of how much further the Bank of England (BoE) would hike rates compared to the regions. However, inflation data published in the latter part of the period undershot expectations, causing financial markets to reassess the peak in BoE Bank Rate. This was followed very soon after by the BoE deciding to keep Bank Rate on hold at 5.25% in September 2023, against expectation for another 0.25% rise.
- 2.3 Economic growth in the UK remained relatively weak over the period. In calendar Q2 2023, the economy expanded by 0.2%. However, monthly GDP data showed a 0.5% contraction in July, the largest fall to date in 2023 and worse than the 0.2% decline predicted which could be an indication the monetary tightening cycle is starting to cause recessionary or at the very least stagnating economic conditions.
- 2.4 July 2023 data showed the unemployment rate increased to 4.3% (3mth/year) while the employment rate rose to 75.5%. Pay growth was 8.5% for total pay (including bonuses) and 7.8% for regular pay, which for the latter was the highest recorded annual growth rate. Adjusting for inflation, pay growth in real terms were positive at 1.2% and 0.6% for total pay and regular pay respectively.
- 2.5 Inflation continued to fall from its peak as annual headline CPI declined to 6.7% in July 2023 from 6.8% in the previous month against expectations for a tick back up to 7.0%. The largest downward contribution came from food prices. The core rate also surprised on the downside, falling to 6.2% from 6.9% compared to predictions for it to only edge down to 6.8%

- 2.6 The Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee continued tightening monetary policy over most of the period, taking Bank Rate to 5.25% in August 2023. Against expectations of a further hike in September 2023, the Committee voted 5-4 to maintain Bank Rate at 5.25%. Each of the four dissenters were in favour of another 0.25% increase.
- 2.7 Financial market Bank Rate expectations moderated over the period as falling inflation and weakening data gave some indication that higher interest rates were working. Expectations fell from predicting a peak of over 6% in June 2023 to 5.5% just ahead of the September 2023 MPC meeting, and to then expecting 5.25% to be the peak by the end of the period.
- 2.8 Following the September 2023 MPC meeting, Arlingclose, the Council's treasury adviser, modestly revised its interest forecast to reflect the central view that 5.25% will now be the peak in Bank Rate. In the short term the risks are to the upside if inflation increases again, but over the remaining part of the time horizon the risks are to the downside from economic activity weakening more than expected.
- 2.9 The European Central Bank increased its key deposit, main refinancing, and marginal lending interest rates to 4.00%, 4.50% and 4.75% respectively in September 2023, and hinted these levels may represent the peak in rates but also emphasising rates would stay high for as long as required to bring inflation down to target.
- 2.10 Although continuing to decline steadily, inflation has been sticky, Eurozone annual headline CPI fell to 5.2% in August 2023 while annual core inflation eased to 5.3% having stuck at 5.5% in the previous two months. GDP growth remains weak, with recent data showing the region expanded by only 0.1% in the three months to June 2023, the rate as the previous quarter.
- 2.11 **Financial markets:**
- 2.12 Financial market sentiment and bond yields remained volatile, with the latter generally trending downwards as there were signs inflation, while still high, was moderating and interest rates were at a peak.
- 2.13 Gilt yields fell towards the end of the period. The 5-year UK benchmark gilt yield rose from 3.30% to peak at 4.91% in July 2023 before trending downwards to 4.29%, the 10-year gilt yield rose from 3.43% to 4.75% in August 2023 before declining to 4.45%, and the 20-year yield from 3.75% to 4.97% in August 2023 and then fell back to 4.84%. The Sterling Overnight Rate (SONIA) averaged 4.73% over the period.
- 2.14 **Credit background:**
- 2.15 Having completed a review of its credit advice on unsecured deposits at UK and non-UK banks following concerns of a wider financial crisis after the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank purchase of Credit Suisse by UBS, as well as other well-publicised banking sector issues, in March 2023 Arlingclose reduced the advised maximum duration limit for all banks on its recommended counterparty list to 35 days. This stance continued to be maintained at the end of the period.

- 2.16 During the second quarter of the period, Moody's revised the outlook on Svenska Handelsbanken to negative from stable, citing concerns around the Swedish real estate sector.
- 2.17 Having put the US sovereign rating on Rating Watch Negative earlier in the period, Fitch took further action in August, downgrading the long-term rating to AA+, partly around ongoing debt ceiling concerns but also an expected fiscal deterioration over the next couple of years.
- 2.18 Following the issue of a Section 114 notice, in September 2023 Arlingclose advised against undertaking new lending to Birmingham City Council, and later in the month cut its recommended duration on Warrington Borough Council to a maximum of 100 days
- 2.19 Arlingclose continued to monitor and assess credit default swap levels for signs of ongoing credit stress and although no changes were made to recommended durations over the period, Northern Trust Corporation was added to the counterparty list.
- 2.20 Heightened market volatility is expected to remain a feature, at least in the near term and, as ever, the institutions and durations on the Council's counterparty list recommended by Arlingclose remains under constant review.

3 Outlook for the remainder of 2023/24: (based on data of 10th November 2023)

- 3.1 In November 2023 the MPC decided to keep bank rates stable at 5.25%. With the decision being a majority 6-3 to maintain rates, this supports the view that we may now be at the peak for Bank Rate, but the MPC were keen to reemphasise that rates will likely remain high for the foreseeable future until inflation is closer to the 2% target.
- 3.2 Arlingclose, believes that cuts in the Bank Rate will not come in until late 2024, with a caveat that a recession may increase pressure on the MPC to cut rates further, potentially as low as 3% depending on how the economy develops.
- 3.3 This decision came alongside an updated Monetary Policy Report, which documented the MPC's expectation that GDP will remain mostly flat until 2024 but well below the historic average in the medium term. Unemployment is expected to rise over the next few years with 5% being the central case but the risk range reaching as high as 8%. There is still significant uncertainty around the CPI forecast and how long it will take to return to the 2% target, but the MPC have suggested that it will not be before late 2024.

4 Background:

- 4.1 The UK Economy avoided falling into negative territory in Q3 by the smallest of margins. Despite this, September GDP grew by 0.2% - belying the downwards quarterly trend, led by widespread weakness in the domestic economy; consumer, Government and business spending all declined in Q3, while net trade increased.
- 4.2 The money supply contracted from -0.6% in August to -4.2% in September 2023 as the effects of higher Bank Rates weigh on activity. On the credit side of things, there was less mortgage lending than repayments made which means there was an

overall fall in the amount of credit available in that sector. Consumer credit eased from £1.7bn in August 2023 to £1.4bn in September 2023.

- 4.3 Consumer confidence continued to fall in October 2023, reaching -30 from -21 in September 2023, very low levels seen in that indicator as the outlook for the economy weakens over the coming years.
- 4.4 Elsewhere in the world the US's Federal Reserve chose to keep the interest rate stable at its November 2023 meeting, in line with decisions made by the UK and the ECB. Although the USA has a much lower rate of inflation as they are less beholden to external supply factors putting upward pressure on inflation, there is still work to be done after a string of strong economic data and labour market indicators.
- 4.5 Arlingclose – Forecast rates (based on data of 8th November 2023)

	Current	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	Mar-26	Jun-26	Sep-26
Official Bank Rate													
Upside risk	0.00	0.25	0.50	0.50	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	1.00	1.00
Central Case	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.00	4.75	4.25	4.00	3.75	3.50	3.25	3.00	3.00
Downside risk	0.00	0.00	-0.25	-0.50	-0.75	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00

5 Local Context

- 5.1 On 31 March 2023, Babergh had a net borrowing requirement of £112m and Mid Suffolk had a net borrowing requirement of £106m arising from revenue and capital income and expenditure.
- 5.2 The underlying need to borrow for capital purposes is measured by the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR), while usable reserves and working capital are the underlying resources available for investment. These factors are summarised in Table 1 that follows.

5.3 Table 1: Balance Sheet Summary

Balance Sheet Summary	31.03.23 Babergh £m	31.03.23 Mid Suffolk £m
General Fund CFR	75.646	85.198
HRA CFR	94.419	105.839
Total CFR	170.065	191.037
(Less): Usable reserves	(51.169)	(76.513)
(Less) / Add: Working capital	(6.632)	(8.791)
Net borrowing requirement	112.264	105.733

5.4 Higher official interest rates have increased the cost of short-term, temporary loans and investment returns from cash assets that can be used in lieu of borrowing. The current strategy is to maintain borrowing and investments below their underlying levels, sometimes known as internal borrowing, in order to reduce risk and keep interest costs low.

5.5 The treasury management position on 30 September 2023 and the change during the half year is shown in Table 2.

5.6 Table 2: Treasury Management Summary

Babergh	31.03.23 Balance £m	Movement £m	30.9.23 Balance £m	30.9.23 Rate %
Long-term borrowing	93.843	(0.280)	93.562	3.21%
Short-term borrowing	31.000	(9.000)	22.000	4.45%
Total borrowing	124.843	(9.280)	115.562	
Long-term investments	11.055	(0.017)	11.038	4.89%
Short-term investments	3.000	(2.500)	0.500	4.87%
Cash and Cash equivalents	1.716	(0.285)	1.431	4.66%
Total Investments	15.771	(2.802)	12.970	
Net borrowing	109.071		102.593	

Mid Suffolk	31.03.23 Balance £m	Movement £m	30.9.23 Balance £m	30.9.23 Rate %
Medium / Long-term borrowing	98.729	(8.061)	90.668	2.64%
Short-term borrowing	24.000	(2.000)	22.000	4.00%
Total borrowing	122.729	(10.061)	112.668	
Long-term investments	11.056	(0.009)	11.047	4.90%
Short-term investments	5.000	(2.000)	3.000	4.74%
Cash and Cash equivalents	1.597	0.296	1.892	4.62%
Total Investments	17.653	(1.713)	15.939	
Net borrowing	105.076		96.729	

1 Borrowing Strategy

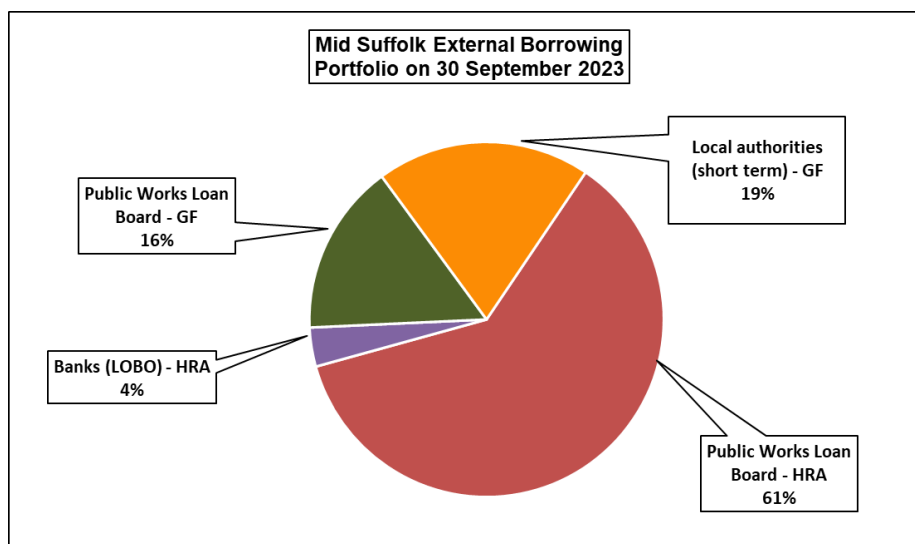
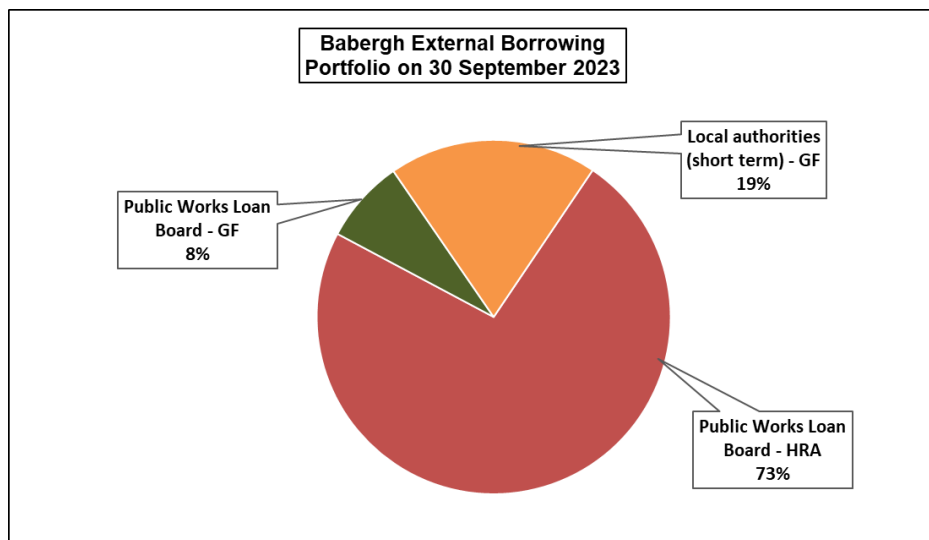
- 1.1 On 30 September 2023 Babergh held £115.6m of loans, a decrease of £9.3m and Mid Suffolk held £112.7m of loans, a decrease of £10.1m since 31 March 2023.
- 1.2 Babergh has reduced net overall borrowing by making repayments on long term Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) loans and by repaying short-term local authority loans.
- 1.3 Mid Suffolk has reduced net overall borrowing by making repayments on long term PWLB loans and repaying both medium-term and short-term loans with other local authorities.
- 1.4 The borrowing position on 30 September 2023 is shown in Table 3.

1.5 Table 3: Borrowing Position

Babergh	31.03.23 Balance	Movement	30.09.23 Balance	30.09.23 Weighted Average Rate
	£m	£m	£m	%
Public Works Loan Board - HRA	84.747	0.000	84.747	3.30%
Public Works Loan Board - GF	9.096	(0.280)	8.815	2.33%
Local authorities (short term)	31.000	(9.000)	22.000	4.45%
Total borrowing	124.843	(9.280)	115.562	

Mid Suffolk	31.03.23 Balance	Movement	30.09.23 Balance	30.09.23 Weighted Average Rate
	£m	£m	£m	%
Public Works Loan Board - HRA	69.037	0.000	69.037	3.57%
Banks (LOBO) - HRA	4.000	0.000	4.000	4.21%
Public Works Loan Board - GF	18.192	(0.561)	17.631	2.33%
Local authorities (Med / Long term)	7.500	(7.500)	0.000	0.38%
Local authorities (short term)	24.000	(2.000)	22.000	4.00%
Total borrowing	122.729	(10.061)	112.668	

Table 3 - Charts - The Councils' Borrowing Portfolios on 30 September 2023:



- 1.6 The Councils chief objective when borrowing has been to strike an appropriately low risk balance between securing low interest costs and achieving cost certainty over the period for which funds are required, with the secondary objective of having flexibility to renegotiate loans should the Councils' long-term plans change. The Councils borrowing strategy continues to address the key issue of affordability without compromising the longer-term stability of the debt portfolio.
- 1.7 There was a substantial rise in the cost of both short- and long-term borrowing over the last 18 months. Bank Rate rose by 1% from 4.25% at the beginning of April to 5.25% at the end of September 2023. Bank Rate was 2% higher than at the end of September 2022.
- 1.8 UK gilt yields were volatile, mainly facing upward pressure since early April following signs that UK growth had been more resilient, inflation stickier than expected, and

that the Bank of England saw persistently higher rates through 2023/24 as key to dampening domestic demand. Gilt yields, and consequently PWLB borrowing rates, rose and broadly remained at elevated levels. On 30th September 2023, the PWLB certainty rates for maturity loans were 5.26% for 10-year loans, 5.64% for 20-year loans and 5.43% for 50-year loans. Their equivalents on 31st March 2023 were 4.33%, 4.70% and 4.41% respectively.

- 1.9 A new PWLB HRA rate which is 0.4% below the certainty rate was made available from 15th June 2023. Initially available for a period of one year, this discounted rate is to support local authorities borrowing for the Housing Revenue Account and for refinancing existing HRA loans.
- 1.10 The Treasury Management Strategy shows that, as at 31st March 2023 Babergh's CFR has continued to increase when compared to the previous year whilst Mid Suffolk's has decreased in the same period. The estimated net borrowing requirements for both councils are outlined at various points further on in this document.
- 1.11 Both Councils repaid medium-term and short-term borrowing in the period.
- 1.12 LOBO loans: Mid Suffolk continues to hold £4m of LOBO (Lender's Option Borrower's Option) loans where the lender has the option to propose an increase in the interest rate at set dates, following which the Council has the option to either accept the new rate or to repay the loan at no additional cost. No banks exercised their option during the first half of 2023/24.

2 Borrowing Update

- 2.1 CIPFA's 2021 Prudential Code is clear that local authorities must not borrow to invest primarily for financial return and that it is not prudent for local authorities to make any investment or spending decision that will increase the capital financing requirement, and so may lead to new borrowing, unless directly and primarily related to the functions of the Councils.
- 2.2 PWLB loans are no longer available to local authorities planning to buy investment assets primarily for yield. The Councils are not planning to purchase any investment assets primarily for yield within the next three years and so are able to fully access the PWLB.
- 2.3 Acceptable use of PWLB borrowing includes service delivery, housing, regeneration, preventative action, refinancing, and treasury management.
- 2.4 Competitive market alternatives may be available for authorities with or without access to the PWLB. However, the financial strength of the individual authority and borrowing purpose will be scrutinised by commercial lenders.

Revised PWLB Guidance

- 2.5 HM Treasury published further guidance on PWLB borrowing in August 2021 providing additional detail and clarifications predominantly around the definition of an 'investment asset primarily for yield'. The principal aspects of the new guidance are:

- Capital expenditure incurred or committed to before 26 November 2020 is allowable even for an 'investment asset primarily for yield'.
- Capital plans should be submitted by local authorities via a DELTA return. These open for the new financial year on 1 March and remain open all year. Returns must be updated if there is a change of more than 10%.
- An asset held primarily to generate yield that serves no direct policy purpose should not be categorised as service delivery.
- Further detail on how local authorities purchasing investment assets primarily for yield can access the PWLB for the purposes of refinancing existing loans or externalising internal borrowing.
- Additional detail on the sanctions which can be imposed for inappropriate use of the PWLB loan. These can include a request to cancel projects, restrictions to accessing the PLWB and requests for information on further plans.

1 Treasury Investment Activity

1.1 CIPFA revised TM Code defines treasury management investments as those which arise from the Councils cash flows or treasury risk management activity that ultimately represents balances which need to be invested until the cash is required for use in the course of business.

1.2 Babergh and Mid Suffolk hold invested funds, representing income received in advance of expenditure plus balances and reserves held. During the first half of 2023/24, Babergh's investment balances ranged between £12.5m and £23.3m. Mid Suffolk's investment balances ranged between £11.2m and £25.1m. These movements are due to timing differences between income and expenditure.

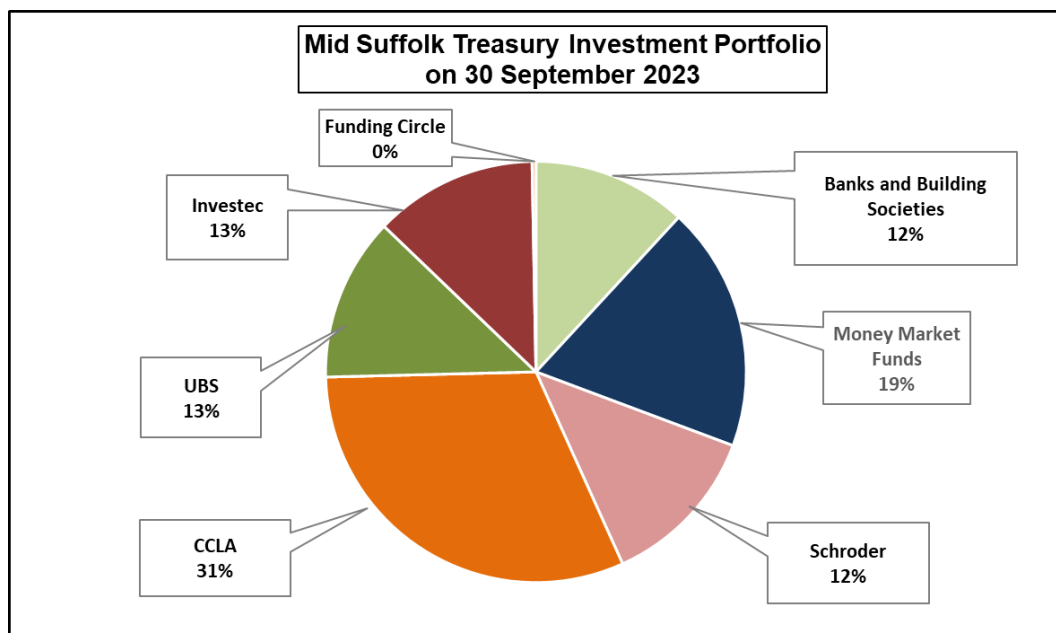
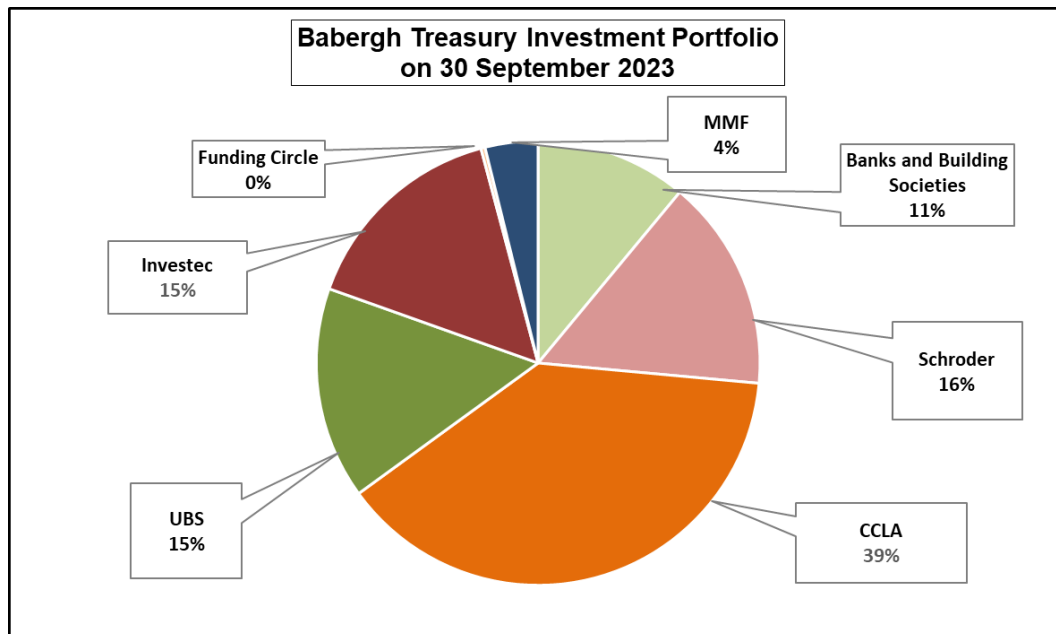
1.3 The investment position and weighted average rates during the first six months of the year is shown in Table 4.

1.4 Table 4: Treasury Investment Position

Babergh	31.03.23	Movement	30.09.23	30.09.23
	Balance		Balance	Weighted Average Rate
	£m	£m	£m	%
Banks and Building Societies	1.716	(0.285)	1.431	4.66%
Money Market Funds	3.000	(2.500)	0.500	4.87%
Other Pooled Funds	11.055	(0.017)	11.038	4.89%
Total Investments	15.771	(2.802)	12.970	

Mid Suffolk	31.03.23	Movement	30.09.23	30.09.23
	Balance		Balance	Weighted Average Rate
	£m	£m	£m	%
Banks and Building Societies	1.597	0.296	1.892	4.62%
Money Market Funds	3.000	0.000	3.000	4.77%
Other Pooled Funds	11.056	(0.009)	11.047	4.90%
Other Local Authorities	2.000	(2.000)	0.000	3.89%
Total Investments	17.653	(1.713)	15.939	

1.5 The Councils' Investment Portfolios on 30 September 2023:



- 1.6 Both the CIPFA Code and government guidance requires the Councils to invest their funds prudently, and to have regard to the security and liquidity of their treasury investments before seeking the optimum rate of return, or yield. The Councils objective when investing money is to strike an appropriate balance between risk and return, minimising the risk of incurring losses from defaults and the risk of receiving unsuitably low investment income.
- 1.7 Bank Rate increased by 1%, from 4.25% at the beginning of April 2023 to 5.25% by the end of September 2023. Short-dated cash rates rose commensurately, with 3-month rates rising to around 5.25% and 12-month rates to nearly 6%.

- 1.8 The rates on DMADF deposits also rose, ranging between 4.8% and 5.4% by the end of June 2023 and Money Market Rates between 3.98% and 4.09% in April and between 5.19% and 5.35% by the end of September 2023.
- 1.9 Neither Council made further investments in strategic pooled funds (e.g.pooled property, multi asset and equity funds) during the period.
- 1.10 The average rate of return is significantly higher than the comparable average returns of Arlingclose’s other clients, as shown in Table 5. The progression of risk and return metrics are shown in the extracts from Arlingclose’s quarterly investment benchmarking.

1.11 **Table 5: Investment Benchmarking – Treasury investments managed in-house.**

Babergh	Credit Score	Credit Rating	Bail-in Exposure	Weighted Average Maturity (days)	Rate of Return
31.03.2023	4.90	A+	100%	1	4.35%
30.06.2023	4.96	A+	100%	1	4.68%
30.09.2023	4.93	A+	100%	1	4.94%

Mid Suffolk	Credit Score	Credit Rating	Bail-in Exposure	Weighted Average Maturity (days)	Rate of Return
31.03.2023	4.85	A+	100%	1	4.22%
30.06.2023	4.75	A+	100%	1	4.55%
30.09.2023	4.77	A+	100%	1	4.84%

Arlingclose Benchmarks for 30.09.23	Credit Score	Credit Rating	Bail-in Exposure	Weighted Average Maturity (days)	Rate of Return
Similar LAs	4.43	AA-	56%	63	4.71%
All LAs	4.47	AA-	59%	13	4.79%

- 1.12 Bail-in involves the shareholders and creditors of a failing financial institution meeting the costs, instead of the government. Babergh and Mid Suffolk have a higher proportion of investments in strategic pooled funds compared to total investments, so their bail-in exposure is proportionately higher than the local authorities in Arlingclose’s benchmarking group. Babergh and Mid Suffolk have chosen to adopt a strategy of generating higher returns by investing funds available in banks and strategic pooled funds.
- 1.13 Each Council has £11m of externally managed strategic pooled equity, property and multi assets funds where short-term security and liquidity are lesser considerations, and the primary objectives instead are regular revenue income and long-term price stability. Since the date of the initial investments, these have generated a total

income return, used to support service provision, of £3.68m for Babergh and £3.53m for Mid Suffolk. Both Councils have achieved an average rate of return for the period of 3.93%.

- 1.14 These pooled funds have no defined maturity date but are available for withdrawal after a notice period. Their performance and continued suitability in meeting the Councils' investment objectives are regularly reviewed. Strategic fund investments are made in the knowledge that capital values will move both up and down on months, quarters and even years, but with the confidence that over a three to five-year period total returns will exceed cash interest rates. Investment in these funds has been maintained during the first six months of the year.
- 1.15 Since 2018/19, the International Financial Reporting Standards for pooled funds states that changes in valuations must be taken through the general fund. A statutory override was granted until 2022/23 so these changes will have no impact on the "bottom line" until 2023/24.
- 1.16 The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) undertook a consultation on the status of the statutory override between August and October 2022. Under the override, fair value movements in the value of pooled funds are recorded by local authorities in an unusable reserve rather than in the general fund.
- 1.17 DLUHC announced the outcome of the consultation on 6th April 2023. The override was extended until 31st March 2025, but no other changes were made. Whether the override will be extended beyond the new end date is unknown but in the commentary to the consultation outcome the following statement suggests that may not be the case: "The government expects authorities to carefully consider their current and future investments, including whether volatility and risk can be managed without detriment to service delivery and sustainability, while complying with proper accounting practices". The Councils will keep their investment position under review.
- 1.18 It would be prudent to set aside any increases in valuation to a reserve to mitigate future potential losses. These pooled funds are long term investments, and the Councils should not consider selling the units whilst their value is less than the original investment.

2 Long Term investments – Pooled Fund Performance

- 2.1 Financial market conditions were volatile during the six-month period. Global bond yields rose and remained elevated as it became apparent that policymakers were looking to keep rates high for some time amid persistently higher core inflation and tight labour markets.
- 2.2 The UK, Euro area and US equity markets were initially helped by resilient growth data and diminishing talk of recession. A weaker currency and better-than-expected fundamentals were broadly supportive for UK equities. However, the global outlook was clouded by the slowdown in China. The FTSE All Share index fell marginally from 4157 on 31st March 2023 to 4127 on 30th September 2023, whilst the MSCI World Index rose from 2791 to 2853 over the same period. The changes in equity valuations are reflected in the equity and multi-asset income funds.

2.3 The capital value of the property fund is slightly below that on 31 March 2023. Market values of all the pooled funds on 31 March 2023 and 30 September 2023 are as shown in the tables 6.1 to 6.5.

2.4 The Councils objective is to retain these investments in pooled funds to generate an income return. These are long-term investments and would only be redeemed when capital growth had been achieved. Table 6 that follows is a summary of performance by fund from initial investment date until the most recent return valuation available and details of interest received.

2.5 **Pooled Fund Performance**

2.6 Both Councils invested £5m each into the CCLA Local Authority Property Fund. Babergh purchased 1.657m units on 31 August 2015 and Mid Suffolk 1.632m units on 29 October 2015. The valuations are based on the number of units owned.

2.7 **Table 6.1 CCLA Performance**

CCLA	Babergh				
	31.03.22 Balance £m	2022/23 Movement £m	31.03.23 Balance £m	6 months Movement £m	30.9.23 Balance £m
Amount invested	5.000		5.000		5.000
Investment Valuation	5.631	(0.928)	4.703	(0.006)	4.697
Cumulative Net Interest received from date of initial investment	1.413	0.199	1.612	0.107	1.718
Annual Performance					
Net Interest received in year	0.182		0.199		0.107
Average Rate of Return for year	3.64%		3.97%		4.26%

CCLA	Mid Suffolk				
	31.03.22 Balance £m	2022/23 Movement £m	31.03.23 Balance £m	6 months Movement £m	30.9.23 Balance £m
Amount invested	5.000		5.000		5.000
Investment Valuation	5.544	(0.914)	4.630	(0.006)	4.624
Cumulative Net Interest received from date of initial investment	1.357	0.196	1.553	0.105	1.658
Annual Performance					
Net Interest received in year	0.179		0.196		0.105
Average Rate of Return for year	4.12%		3.91%		4.19%

2.8 Both Councils invested £2m each into the Schroder Income Maximiser Fund on 10 February 2017.

2.9 Table 6.2 Schroder Performance

Schroder Maximiser Fund	Babergh				
	31.03.22 Balance £m	2022/23 Movement £m	31.03.23 Balance £m	6 months Movement £m	30.9.23 Balance £m
Amount invested	2.000		2.000		2.000
Investment Valuation	1.707	(0.091)	1.616	(0.096)	1.520
Cumulative Net Interest received from date of initial investment	0.665	0.126	0.791	0.063	0.854
Annual Performance					
Net Interest received in year	0.110		0.126		0.063
Average Rate of Return for year	5.49%		6.28%		6.32%

Schroder Maximiser Fund	Mid Suffolk				
	31.03.22 Balance £m	2022/23 Movement £m	31.03.23 Balance £m	6 months Movement £m	30.9.23 Balance £m
Amount invested	2.000		2.000		2.000
Investment Valuation	1.707	(0.091)	1.616	(0.096)	1.520
Cumulative Net Interest received from date of initial investment	0.665	0.126	0.791	0.063	0.854
Annual Performance					
Net Interest received in year	0.110		0.126		0.063
Average Rate of Return for year	5.49%		6.28%		6.32%

2.10 Babergh invested £2m in the UBS Multi Asset Income Fund on 26 November 2015, whilst Mid Suffolk invested £2m on 28 March 2017.

2.11 Table 6.3 UBS Performance

UBS	Babergh				
	31.03.22 Balance £m	2022/23 Movement £m	31.03.23 Balance £m	6 months Movement £m	30.9.23 Balance £m
Amount invested	2.000		2.000		2.000
Investment Valuation	1.736	(0.288)	1.448	(0.030)	1.418
Cumulative Net Interest received from date of initial investment	0.535	0.094	0.629	0.052	0.681
Annual Performance					
Net Interest received in year	0.083		0.094		0.052
Average Rate of Return for year	4.15%		4.72%		5.14%

UBS	Mid Suffolk				
	31.03.22 Balance £m	2022/23 Movement £m	31.03.23 Balance £m	6 months Movement £m	30.9.23 Balance £m
Amount invested	2.000		2.000		2.000
Investment Valuation	1.733	(0.287)	1.446	(0.030)	1.416
Cumulative Net Interest received from date of initial investment	0.439	0.099	0.538	0.051	0.589
Annual Performance					
Net Interest received in year	0.083		0.099		0.051
Average Rate of Return for year	4.14%		4.96%		5.13%

2.12 Both Councils invested £2m each in the Investec Ninety-One Diversified Income I Fund on 24 May 2019. This fund aims to provide monthly income with the opportunity for long-term capital growth, investing in equities, fixed income investments (e.g. corporate or government bonds) as well as cash and money market funds.

2.13 **Table 6.4 Investec Ninety-One Performance**

Investec Ninety One Series i Diversified Income Fund	Babergh				
	31.03.22 Balance £m	2022/23 Movement £m	31.03.23 Balance £m	6 months Movement £m	30.9.23 Balance £m
Amount invested	2.000		2.000		2.000
Investment Valuation	1.898	(0.102)	1.796	(0.026)	1.770
Cumulative Net Interest received from date of initial investment	0.221	0.062	0.283	0.040	0.323
Annual Performance					
Net Interest received in year	0.071		0.062		0.040
Average Rate of Return for year	3.57%		3.12%		3.96%

Investec Ninety One Series i Diversified Income Fund	Mid Suffolk				
	31.03.22 Balance £m	2022/23 Movement £m	31.03.23 Balance £m	6 months Movement £m	30.9.23 Balance £m
Amount invested	2.000		2.000		2.000
Investment Valuation	1.898	(0.102)	1.796	(0.026)	1.770
Cumulative Net Interest received from date of initial investment	0.221	0.062	0.283	0.040	0.323
Annual Performance					
Net Interest received in year	0.075		0.062		0.040
Average Rate of Return for year	3.75%		3.12%		3.96%

2.14 Both Councils invested in Funding Circle on 1 November 2015 and have now withdrawn their investments. However, there are still bad debts which will continue to be pursued and recovered.

2.15 Table 6.5 Funding Circle Performance

Funding Circle	Babergh				
	31.03.22 Balance £m	2022/23 Movement £m	31.03.23 Balance £m	6 months Movement £m	30.9.23 Balance £m
Amount Invested - National	0.105	(0.050)	0.055	(0.016)	0.039
Total Amount Invested	0.105	(0.050)	0.055	(0.016)	0.039
Bad debts to date	(0.044)	0.002	(0.042)	0.003	(0.039)
Accrued Interest	0.002	(0.002)	0.000	(0.000)	0.000
Valuation	0.063	(0.050)	0.013	(0.013)	0.000
Income received	0.121	0.000	0.121	0.000	0.121
Servicing costs	(0.014)	(0.000)	(0.014)	(0.000)	(0.014)
Cumulative Net Interest received from date of initial investment	0.107	0.000	0.107	0.000	0.107
Annual Performance					
Net Interest received in year	0.002		0.000		0.000
Average Rate of Return	4.30%		0.00%		0.00%

Funding Circle	Mid Suffolk				
	31.03.22 Balance £m	2022/23 Movement £m	31.03.23 Balance £m	6 months Movement £m	30.9.23 Balance £m
Amount Invested - National	0.101	(0.045)	0.056	(0.009)	0.047
Total Amount Invested	0.101	(0.045)	0.056	(0.009)	0.047
Bad debts to date	(0.047)	0.000	(0.046)	(0.001)	(0.047)
Accrued Interest	0.001	(0.001)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Valuation	0.055	(0.045)	0.010	(0.010)	(0.000)
Income received	0.121	0.000	0.121	0.000	0.121
Servicing costs	(0.014)	0.000	(0.014)	(0.000)	(0.014)
Cumulative Net Interest received from date of initial investment	0.106	0.000	0.107	(0.000)	0.107
Annual Performance					
Net Interest received in year	0.001		0.000		(0.000)
Average Rate of Return	4.20%		0.00%		0.00%

3 Non-Treasury Holdings and Other Investment Activity

- 3.1 The definition of investments in CIPFA's revised 2021 Treasury Management Code covers all the financial assets of the Councils as well as other non-financial assets which the Councils hold primarily for financial return.
- 3.2 Investments that do not meet the definition of treasury management investments (i.e., management of surplus cash) are categorised as either for service purposes (made explicitly to further service objectives) and or for commercial purposes (made primarily for financial return).

- 3.3 Investment Guidance issued by the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) also includes within the definition of investments all such assets held partially or wholly for financial return.

Investment Property

- 3.4 On 5 August 2016 Babergh purchased Borehamgate Shopping centre in Sudbury for £3.56m. This has been classified as an investment property and at 31 March 2023, it was assessed at Fair Value of £2.60m.

Trading Companies

- 3.5 Babergh holds £5m of equity in Babergh Holdings Ltd and Mid Suffolk holds the same in Mid Suffolk Holdings Ltd.
- 3.6 The Capital Investment Fund Company (CIFCO Ltd) is a jointly owned subsidiary of both Babergh Holdings Ltd and Mid Suffolk Holdings Ltd (50% each) and both Councils have loans of £44.7m in CIFCO Ltd. These loans have generated £9.16m (gross) of investment income for each Council since the initial loans were given. The Councils have not given any additional loans to CIFCO Ltd since March 2021, and there is not expected to be further loans from the Councils.
- 3.7 Mid Suffolk also holds £1.622m of equity and £3.08m of loans in another subsidiary of Mid Suffolk Holdings Ltd, Gateway 14 Ltd, which has generated £5.01m of investment income since 13 August 2018. Gateway 14 Ltd is on track to repay fully its loan facility in December 2023 and it is anticipated that no further lending will be required.
- 3.8 Mid Suffolk holds £1.26m of loans in another subsidiary of Mid Suffolk Holdings Ltd, Mid Suffolk Growth Ltd.
- 3.9 Table 7 that follows shows details of the interest receivable from the companies on loans to them from the Councils. The initial loans were paid to CIFCO Ltd in December 2018 and to Gateway 14 Ltd in August 2018. Interest payable is due on loans that the Councils have taken out to finance the loans to the companies.
- 3.10 **Table 7: Trading Companies activity**

Babergh	Trading Companies - Loans				
	31.3.22	2022/23	31.3.23	2023/24	30.9.23
	Balance	Movement	Balance	Movement	Balance
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
CIFCO Ltd					
Interest Receivable	(5.870)	(2.198)	(8.068)	(1.093)	(9.161)
Interest Payable	0.970	0.526	1.496	0.614	2.110
Cumulative Net Interest received from date of investments	(4.900)	(1.672)	(6.572)	(0.479)	(7.051)

Mid Suffolk	Trading Companies - Loans				
	31.3.22	2022/23	31.3.23	2023/24	30.9.23
	Balance	Movement	Balance	Movement	Balance
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Interest Receivable					
CIFCO Ltd	(5.870)	(2.198)	(8.068)	(1.093)	(9.161)
Gateway 14 Ltd	(3.642)	(1.218)	(4.860)	(0.157)	(5.017)
Total Interest Receivable	(9.512)	(3.416)	(12.928)	(1.250)	(14.178)
Interest Payable					
CIFCO Ltd	1.800	0.738	2.538	0.744	3.282
Gateway 14 Ltd	0.620	0.064	0.684	0.174	0.858
Total Interest Payable	2.420	0.802	3.222	0.918	4.140
Net Interest					
CIFCO Ltd	(4.070)	(1.460)	(5.530)	(0.349)	(5.879)
Gateway 14 Ltd	(3.022)	(1.154)	(4.176)	0.017	(4.159)
Cumulative Net Interest received from date of investments	(7.092)	(2.614)	(9.706)	(0.332)	(10.038)

4 Compliance Report

- 4.1 The Section 151 Officer can report that all treasury management activities undertaken complied fully with the CIPFA Code of Practice and the Councils approved Treasury Management Strategy, except for one occasion, on 5 July 2023, when Mid Suffolk's bank account balance went above the limit by £967k due to an unexpected capital receipt received too late in the day for the additional balance to be invested.

5 Table 8: Debt Limits

- 5.1 Compliance with the authorised limit and operational boundary for external debt is demonstrated in the table that follows.

Borrowing	Actual Maximum	30.09.23 Actual	2023/24 Operational Boundary	2023/24 Authorised Limit	Complied
Babergh	£125m	£115m	£185m	£200m	✓
Mid Suffolk	£123m	£113m	£233m	£248m	✓

- 5.2 Since the operational boundary is a management tool for in-year monitoring it is not significant if the operational boundary is breached on occasions due to variations in cash flow, and this is not counted as a compliance failure.

- 5.3 Compliance with specific investment limits is demonstrated in Table 9.

5.4 Table 9: Investment Limits

Babergh	Actual Maximum	30.09.23 Actual	2023/24 Limit	Complied
Lloyds Bank	£1.727m	£1.431m	£2m	✓
Money market funds	45.60%	3.85%	50%	✓
DMADF	£1m	Nil	No limit	✓
CCLA	£5m	£5m	£5m	✓
UBS	£2m	£2m	£5m	✓
Investec	£2m	£2m	£5m	✓
Schroder	£2m	£2m	£5m	✓
Funding Circle	£0.055m	£0.039m	£1m	✓

Mid Suffolk	Actual Maximum	30.09.23 Actual	2023/24 Limit	Complied
Lloyds Bank	£2.967m	£1.392m	£2m	☒
Barclays Bank	£0.500m	£0.500m	£2m	✓
Money market funds	31.89%	18.82%	50%	✓
DMADF	£6.5m	Nil	No limit	✓
CCLA	£5m	£5m	£5m	✓
UBS	£2m	£2m	£5m	✓
Investec	£2m	£2m	£5m	✓
Schroder	£2m	£2m	£5m	✓
Funding Circle	£0.056m	£0.047m	£1m	✓

- 5.5 It should be noted that both Councils treasury management activity for the first six months of 2023/24 was in accordance with the approved Treasury Management Strategy, and that, both Councils have complied with all the Treasury Management Indicators for this period.

1 Treasury Management Indicators

1.1 The Councils measure and manage their exposure to treasury management risks using the following indicators.

1.2 **Security:** The Councils have adopted a voluntary measure of exposure to credit risk by monitoring the value-weighted average credit score of their investment portfolios. This is calculated by applying a score to each investment (AAA=1, AA+=2, etc.) and taking the arithmetic average, weighted by the size of each investment. Unrated investments are assigned a score based on their perceived risk.

Portfolio Average Credit Score	30.09.2023 Actual	2023/24 Target	Complied
Babergh	4.93	7.0	✓
Mid Suffolk	4.77	7.0	✓

1.3 **Liquidity:** The Councils have adopted a voluntary measure of exposure to liquidity risk by monitoring the amount they can borrow each period without giving prior notice.

Total sum borrowed in the past 3 months without prior notice	30.09.23 Actual	2023/24 Target	Complied
Babergh District Council	Nil	£5m	✓
Mid Suffolk District Council	Nil	£5m	✓

1.4 **Interest Rate Exposures:** This indicator is set to control the Councils exposure to interest rate risk. The upper limits on the one-year revenue impact of a 1% rise or fall in interest was:

Upper impact on Revenue of a 1% increase in rates	30.09.23 Actual	2023/24 Target	Complied
Babergh District Council	£0.025m	£0.038m	✓
Mid Suffolk District Council	£0.004m	£0.039m	✓

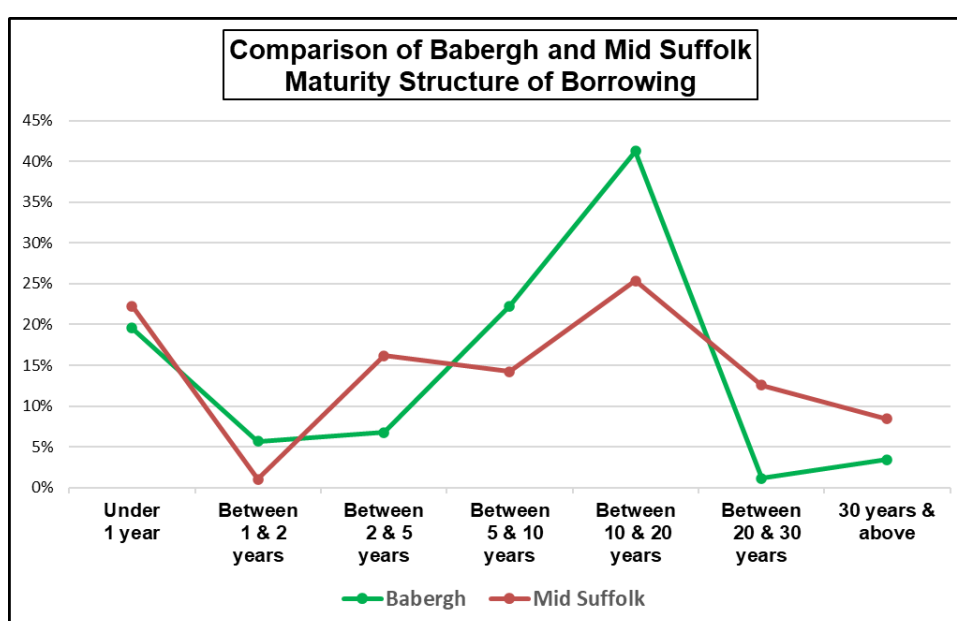
1.5 The impact of a change in interest rates is calculated on the assumption that maturing loans and investment will be replaced at current rates.

1.6 **Maturity Structure of Borrowing:** This indicator is set to control the Councils exposure to refinancing risk. This indicator covers the risk of replacement loans being unavailable, not interest rate risk. The upper and lower limits on the maturity structure of all borrowing are shown in the following table:

1.7 Table to show Maturity Structure of Borrowing:

Age Profile of Maturity	Babergh 30.09.23 Actual	Mid Suffolk 30.09.23 Actual	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Complied
Under 1 year	19.53%	22.26%	0%	50%	✓
Between 1 & 2 years	5.69%	1.01%	0%	50%	✓
Between 2 & 5 years	6.75%	16.15%	0%	50%	✓
Between 5 & 10 years	22.23%	14.22%	0%	100%	✓
Between 10 & 20 years	41.24%	25.38%	0%	100%	✓
Between 20 & 30 years	1.14%	12.56%	0%	100%	✓
30 years & above	3.42%	8.43%	0%	100%	✓

1.8 Chart to show the Maturity Structure of Borrowing:



1.9 Time periods start on the first day of each financial year. The maturity date of borrowing is the earliest date on which the lender can demand repayment.

1.10 **Principal Sums Invested for Periods Longer than a year:** The purpose of this indicator is to control the Councils exposure to the risk of incurring losses by seeking early repayment of their investments. The limits on the long-term principal sum invested to final maturities beyond the period end were:

Actual Principal invested beyond year end	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Babergh Actual	Nil	Nil	Nil
Mid Suffolk Actual	Nil	Nil	Nil
Limit on principal invested beyond year end	£2m	£2m	£2m
Babergh Complied	✓	✓	✓
Mid Suffolk Complied	✓	✓	✓

Glossary of Terms

BPS	Base Points. A unit of percentage measure equal to 0.01%. Basis points are commonly used when discussing changes to interest rates, equity indices, and fixed-income securities.
CDS	Credit Default Swap. In effect, insurance against non-payment. Through a CDS, the buyer can mitigate the risk of their investment by shifting all or a portion of that risk onto an insurance company or other CDS seller in exchange for a periodic fee. In this way, the buyer of a credit default swap receives credit protection, whereas the seller of the swap guarantees the credit worthiness of the debt security.
CFR	Capital Financing Requirement. The underlying need to borrow to finance capital expenditure.
CIPFA	The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy. This is the leading professional accountancy body for public services.
CPI	Consumer Price Index. This measures changes in the price level of consumer goods and services purchased by households.
CPIH	Consumer Price Index Housing. A measure of consumer price inflation including a measure of owner occupiers' housing costs (OOH).
CCLA	Churches, Charities and Local Authority Property Fund
DLUHC	A Government department – The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (formerly known as the MHCLG)
DMADF	Debt Management Account Deposit Facility.
Funding Circle	Accounts set up to lend money to local and national businesses at competitive rates
GDP	Gross Domestic Product. This is the market value of all officially recognised goods and services produced within a country in a given period of time.
HRA	Housing Revenue Account. The statutory account to which revenue costs are charged for providing, maintaining and managing Council dwellings. These costs are financed by tenants' rents.
Investec Ninety-One	Investec Ninety-One Diversified Income Fund
LIBID	London Interbank Bid Rate. The interest rate at which banks bid to take short-term deposits from other banks in the London interbank market.
LOBO	Lender's Option Borrower's Option. This is a loan where the lender has certain dates when they can increase the interest rate payable and, if they do, the Council has the option of accepting the new rate or repaying the loan.
LVNAV	Low Volatility Net Asset Value. A new type of Low Volatility Net Asset Value Money Market Fund - a new fund category introduced as part of a new regulatory reform of the sector in Europe.

MHCLG	A Government department – The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
MiFID	The Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (2014/65/EU) (MiFID II). The EU legislation that regulates firms who provide services to clients linked to ‘financial instruments’ (shares, bonds, units in collective investment schemes and derivatives), and the venues where those instruments are traded.
MPC	Monetary Policy Committee. A committee of the Bank of England which decides the Bank of England’s Base Rate and other aspects of the Government’s Monetary Policy.
MRP	Minimum Revenue Provision. Local authorities are required to make a prudent provision for debt redemption on General Fund borrowing
NAV	Net Asset Value. The NAV is the value of a fund's assets less the value of its liabilities on a per unit basis.
PWLB	Public Works Loan Board - offers loans to local authorities below market rates.
QE	Quantitative Easing. The purchase of Government bonds by the Bank of England to boost the money supply.
Schroder	Schroder Income Maximiser Fund
SONIA	Sterling Overnight Index Average. The average of the interest rates that banks pay to borrow sterling overnight from other financial institutions and other institutional investors.
T Bills	Treasury Bill. A short-term Government Bond.
UBS	UBS Multi Asset Income Fund (UK) – a pooled fund.

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Agenda Item 9

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: Council	REPORT NUMBER: BC/23/32
FROM: Acting Leader Cllr John Ward	DATE OF MEETING: 23 January 2024
OFFICER: Arthur Charvonja, Chief Executive	KEY DECISION REF NO. N/A

OUR PLAN FOR BABERGH

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Set out in this report are the refreshed priorities for Babergh, that we have collectively identified in communication with our communities, businesses and partners. In October we set out our draft priorities to Cabinet and intent to engage with different people, groups and sectors.
- 1.2 Our Plan for Babergh sets out the approach we intend to take to help create a resilient, more sustainable future, with and for, all residents and communities of Babergh. We are ambitious for our communities, but also we recognise we need to be financially sound in challenging financial circumstances for local authorities.
- 1.3 This report sets out how we went about that engagement, the feedback we received and how we have taken onboard that feedback. This has enabled us to develop our final refreshed priorities for the next eight years, which are set out in Appendix A. This gives us our vision, direction and accountability for what we will deliver for our communities in the next four years, and into the longer term.
- 1.4 These priorities were agreed by Cabinet earlier in January, and now they are presented to Full Council to agree adoption of Our Plan for Babergh.

2. OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Options considered include:
 - 2.1.1 No plan: This was not pursued as there are new challenges for our districts that the Council needs to respond to within its refreshed plan.
 - 2.1.2 Plan adopted with no amendments from draft version: This option was not chosen as valuable feedback and insight was provided by stakeholders during the engagement that we wish to reflect in the final plan.
 - 2.1.3 Joint plan with Mid Suffolk: It is important for our communities to see how we are reacting to the challenges facing our district. Whilst there are commonalities with Mid Suffolk and their published priorities, we first want to ensure we have a representation of the challenge and opportunities facing Babergh.
 - 2.1.4 Respond to feedback from the engagement and amend plan to reflect, to ensure the priorities identified consider the valuable insight shared during this engagement.

3.	RECOMMENDATION
3.1	To accept the recommendation from Cabinet to adopt Our Plan for Babergh, setting out the vision, approach and strategic priorities for Babergh District Council for 2023-2031 (Appendix A).
	REASON FOR DECISION
	To set a clear direction of travel for the Council to 2031.

4. KEY INFORMATION

4.1 The refreshed plan sets out the new vision and strategic priorities of the Council. At Cabinet in October we identified and agreed the priorities that were most important to us with a view to seek the views of our communities, businesses, stakeholders and partners on these.

4.2 Informing these draft priorities was insight we had received from our communities and partners in the months and years running up to our successful election in May. Our annual State of the District Report for Babergh, considered at Full Council in September, also sets out the issues facing our district using data and insight. Following on from these, we have sought feedback from our communities, businesses, partners and our own staff on these priorities to find out their views and opinions, alongside the completion of our annual Resident’s Survey.



Figure 1: Contributors to the plan

4.3 Engagement happened between 4th October to 15th November, during which time an online survey was live and promoted with our public sector partners in Suffolk, Town and Parish Councils, on our social media channels, to our businesses, Voluntary, Community, Social and Faith (VCSF) sector organisations and own members of staff. Events, meetings and community conversations were held with a number of the above as well, including conversations with organisations or individuals who represented our seldom heard voices to ensure we achieved the most representative view we could of our communities.

4.4 Across our social media campaign, 22,600 people viewed our ‘Have you say’ posts. 1014 responses were received to the engagement in total, which included 540 responses on Babergh priorities. This response rate benchmarked well compared to similar engagement other councils have recently undertaken. The response rate for the whole population may be low, but the rate is in line with what would usually be expected for engagement on this more strategic discussion. There were also some low response rates from some areas, including businesses and the VCSF sector, but an ongoing commitment is in place to continue the conversation with these groups moving forward. The number of responses was large enough for us to be assured that we have received the full breadth of views across the district.

4.5 The outcome of this engagement and data is shown in summary in Figure 2 below. Whilst feedback broadly supported the priorities, the approach to achieving these priorities could benefit from clarity.

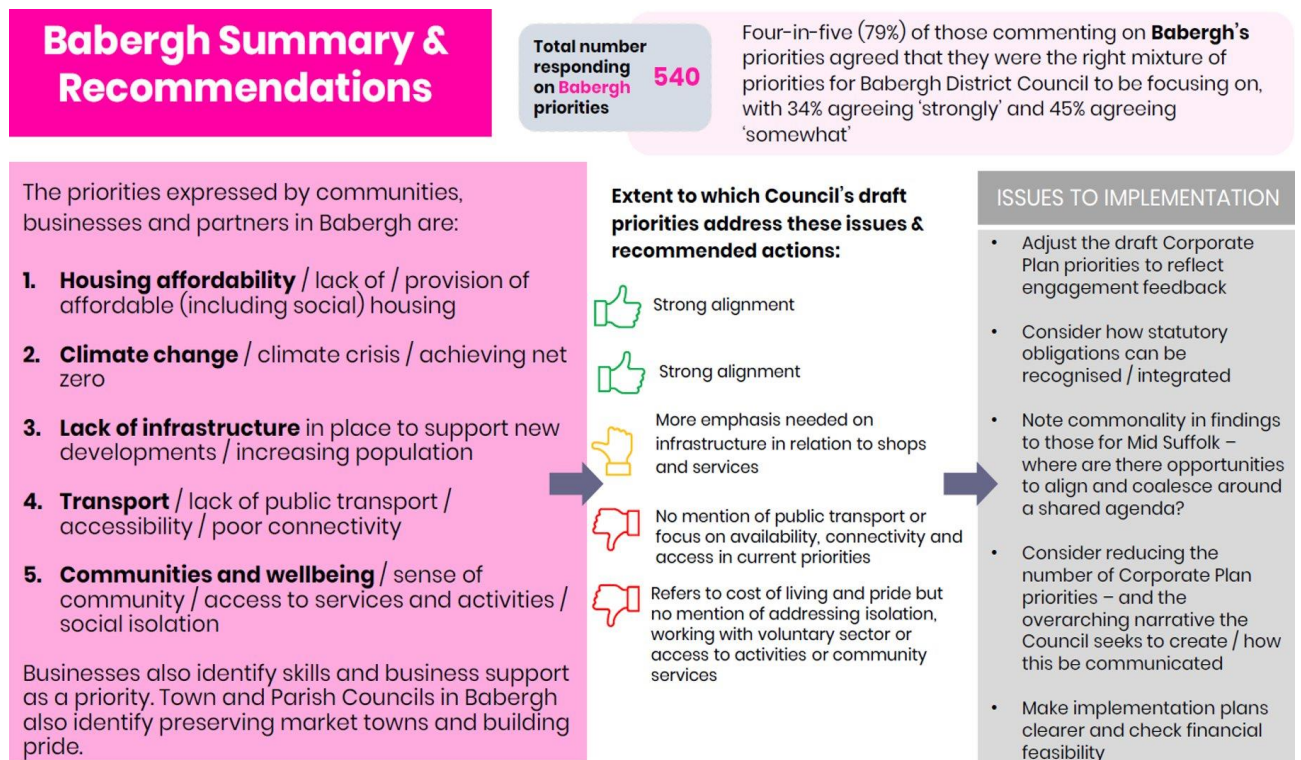


Figure 2: Overview of engagement feedback and recommendations

4.6 Following this engagement feedback, it was clear that how we approach these priorities was vital. To address this feedback amendments have been made as follows;

4.6.1 *Ensuring we provide core service delivery, in a financially responsible way;*

4.6.2 *Respond to challenges (such as extreme weather events, a pandemic, international events that impact on our communities and economy) and build in the ability to reflect on such challenges through our Annual Delivery Plan;*

4.6.3 *Ensuring we are clear that we can directly deliver some priorities, but others we can only work in partnership to influence others to deliver.*

4.7 We also have the commitment to ensure we are delivering through the development of appropriate performance targets for these priorities. These will be developed and reported through the Annual Delivery Plan.

4.8 A key focus of the plan is sustainability. From sustaining core services to ensuring our actions create the most sustainable future for our residents and communities. Sustainability has a different meaning in different contexts. It can mean ensuring something is maintained to the same level (e.g. service provision) to having the most minimal impact to avoid depletion of a resource (e.g. biodiversity). As the priorities develop through the Annual Delivery Plan, the concept of sustainability will be explored further to articulate this into real outcomes for our district.

4.9 The final plan (Appendix A) reflects the feedback we received through our engagement, forming an excellent foundation to move forward from, provide direction, clarity to our communities and our staff, and accountability to deliver on these strategic priorities for the next eight years.

4.10 These priorities were agreed by Cabinet earlier in January, and are now presented to Full Council with the recommendation to agree adoption of Our Plan for Babergh.

5. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN

5.1 This is the refresh of the previous corporate plan, providing new strategic priorities for the Council moving forward over the next eight years.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The plan identifies priorities to be delivered over the next four to eight years. There will be financial implications from the delivery of these priorities, but the priorities will need to be developed further into specific outcomes to be able to determine the budget associated with these. And indeed, as identified in the foreword to the plan, the council is facing a challenging financial situation and will need to respond accordingly. The plan identifies in the next steps that we will develop an annual delivery plan to target activity in relation to each of the three areas of focus. Budgetary information will be considered at this stage and as decisions are made by Cabinet and Council on delivering these outcomes.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no legal implications from this report. Core services will continue to be delivered, with a focus for new strategic priorities provided.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

8.1 Key risks are set out below:

Key Risk Description	Likelihood 1-4	Impact 1-4	Key Mitigation Measures	Risk Register and Reference*
The Councils may not have the capacity to respond to member demands in 2023/24	3	2	Agree refreshed corporate plan, including priorities and outcomes for both councils	SRR011
The joint arrangement between the two Councils could cease	2	4	Joint Member briefings	SRR012
Babergh Council may be unable to react in a timely and effective way	3	3	Monitoring and reporting of financial forecast Capital reserves	SRR004BDC

to financial demands			SLT position review workshops Cabinet briefings to review position and budget options Budget approval Internal and external audits	
The Councils may suffer a perception of untrustworthiness and poor reputation.	3	2	Annual Resident survey Engagement with residents for corporate plan refresh	SRR005
Failure to deliver a revised corporate strategy	3	4	Ongoing discussion with Cabinets to ensure development of Corporate Plans reflects needs of organisation to ensure ambitions are aligned to strategy in Corporate Plans.	Strategic Policy ORR009

**Name of risk register where risk is currently documented and being actively managed and it's reference number*

9. CONSULTATIONS

9.1 Consultation has taken place within our own Council staff, externally with our communities, businesses, partners and stakeholders as set out above in the report.

10. EQUALITY ANALYSIS

10.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) initial screening has been completed. This determined that a full EIA was not required. Our Plan for Babergh will guide the council's actions and activities over the next eight years, but how the council goes about those activities will provide the detail that can be subject to scrutiny for impact on those with protected characteristics. None of the strategic priorities directly or indirectly disadvantage any protected group. But ensuring later strategies, projects and programmes are appropriately assessed will ensure no adverse impact on any groups with protected characteristics.

10.2 In addition, in development of the final plan, engagement has been undertaken with our communities including groups representing seldom heard voices (people who we may not usually reach and effectively engage with). Groups approached and engaged with represented groups with protected characteristics.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Our Plan for Babergh provides a framework to promote environmental responsibility. The plan therefore will positively impact the environment through delivery of the strategic priorities identified.

12. APPENDICES

Title	Location
(a) Appendix A – Our Plan for Babergh	Attached

13. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

13.1 State of the District Report 2023

14. REPORT AUTHOR

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Our Plan for Babergh:

***A more resilient and
sustainable future for
Babergh***

(2023-2027)

Our Vision

“To help to create a resilient, more sustainable future, with and for, all the residents and communities of Babergh”

We believe it is our role to help create a more sustainable future in Babergh. We are driven by doing what is right for our residents, communities, parishes and towns now and for the future.

Babergh District Council has a long tradition of political collaboration. Our commitment to partnership and cooperation, is exemplified by the make-up of our political administration¹ and the way we work together with our communities, our towns and parishes, the voluntary sector, and local businesses, to grasp the opportunities and respond to the challenges that confront us all.

In developing this plan, we have listened carefully to all your views, and we promise to continue to do so. We want to have continuous engagement and conversation with our communities.

We are extremely ambitious for all our communities and all our residents. **We believe that a sustainable society must be built on the strong foundations of its communities, economy and environment.** As described in this plan, we will further strengthen these foundations to develop more resilient communities, and even greater pride and aspiration in the towns and villages where you live.

We are committed to being open and honest with you. Councils across the land are struggling with the same challenges. Their financial position has been eroded each year since 2010 as they try to contend with the twin pressures of cuts in funding from central government and over the last two years by inflation which increases costs dramatically. Babergh District Council is not immune from these pressures. Whilst the Council's income from fees and charges for services and council tax has remained well below the rate of inflation, the cost of almost everything else from energy to materials has risen, together with interest rate rises. This means we will have to find extra income and / or savings of over £10m over the next four years just to continue delivering the services we currently do.

¹ A political coalition of the Green Party, Independents and Liberal Democrats

While this national economic crisis is not of our making, we must respond to it nevertheless – and must do so in a responsible way. In light of the serious financial challenges facing us we have difficult decisions to make.

We have already made significant savings year on year and have a absolute focus on running our services as efficiently as we can. But much more must be done, and some tough choices lie ahead. We remain committed to doing all we can to protect the essential services that local and vulnerable people rely on.

We will remain positive and ambitious; and we will continue to deliver good quality core district council services. However, we do need to reduce our costs as an organisation and increase some of the fees we charge for some services to balance our books. But we cannot keep doing this year after year. Yes, the backdrop is challenging but it demands that we use our expertise and ingenuity to develop new approaches to service design and delivery that meet your aspirations for the place where you live and creates a more sustainable future for all our residents and communities. Testing times call for imagination and innovation but also collaboration, listening to you about what you think is important and together we can develop sustainable local solutions to local issues.

Dave Busby

Deborah Saw

John Ward

Leader of the Council

Deputy Leader

Deputy Leader

(Liberal Democrat)

(Green)

(Independent)

(‘Working Together’ with Mid Suffolk District Council)

Babergh district at a glance

 **92,300**

residents and
40,200 households
(Census 2021)

26.6%



of residents aged 65 and over vs 18.4% across England. By 2043, the 65-plus population is expected to account for a third (33.8%) of all residents

Top 3 employment sectors:



- Wholesale and retail
- Manufacturing
- Education



31.9%

of 16 to 64-year-olds hold a level 4 (degree-level) qualification or above vs 37.1% in England

Better than average levels of health but challenges remain



Life expectancy at birth:

Females - 85.2 years vs 83.1 in England
Males - 81.6 years vs 79.4 in England

26.1% of adults classed as physically inactive (25.8% across England)



85%

of residents are satisfied with their local area as a place to live



Median house prices are 10.60 times median annual resident earnings



Rollout of gigabit-capable broadband

Gigabit-capable broadband coverage: 38.1% vs 77.1% across England (June 2023)

10.3% average tree canopy cover for wards in Babergh



Our Approach

We need to create a more sustainable future for all our residents and communities in Babergh. We will achieve this by:

- Delivering good quality core council services;
- Ensuring Babergh District Council is a financially viable organisation now and for the future;
- Providing open & honest leadership;
- Putting sustainability at the heart of everything we do;
- Continuing to listen to you and work in partnership on the things that matter most to you;
- Supporting and empowering you to design and deliver community-based solutions to local issues;
- Working in partnership and cooperation with all our communities, the local voluntary sector, our partners across the public sector and our local businesses to tackle the challenges we all face; and
- Influencing others to ensure you have local access to all the services and facilities that you need to be able to live well.

What we will focus on to create a more sustainable future, with and for, all the residents and communities of Babergh

These are the opportunities and challenges that we will focus on. Some of these are things we can directly deliver but many can only be achieved in partnership with others or through influencing others to change. We will work in whatever way necessary to create a more sustainable future for the residents and communities of Babergh:

Revitalised and improved environment

- Tackling and mitigating the impacts of climate change
- Reducing council and district carbon emissions
- Protecting and enhancing our natural landscape and our wildlife habitats; increasing biodiversity and nature recovery
- Increasing tree planting and habitat restoration
- More insulated and energy efficient buildings
- Supporting delivery of local community energy projects
- Zero tolerance to fly-tipping
- Enabling greater re-use and recycling
- Promoting greener and healthier forms of travel

Thriving economy

- Prioritising and promoting the green economy
- Championing solutions to retrofitting & renewable energy
- Promoting higher paid, higher skilled, sustainable jobs for all
- Increasing opportunities to learn new skills, particularly those in green technology sectors
- Creating the conditions for start-ups & social enterprises to flourish
- Supporting local businesses
- Attracting inward investment and responsible tourism to our towns and villages
- Ensuring access to the infrastructure your communities need to thrive

Resilient communities

- Championing market towns and villages
- Engaging, empowering and enabling communities to find local solutions to local issues
- Ensuring every part of Babergh is clean and tidy
- Securing the right quality homes, in the right places
- Securing more affordable housing
- Enabling older people to live independently in their own homes for longer
- Improving access to the services and facilities that support thriving communities & the health and wellbeing of our residents
- Helping those struggling with the high cost of living
- Supporting the development of more neighbourhood plans
- Helping improve the energy efficiency of listed buildings
- Reaffirming our commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant

Our next steps

We will develop an annual delivery plan to target activity in relation to each of the three areas of focus. This will include a combination of outcomes, outputs, performance indicators and targets that will form part of the quarterly performance reports and progress will be reported annually through the State of the District report. We will also utilise other external metrics for benchmarking such as the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#) and the [Thriving Places Index](#).

Agenda Item 10

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: Council	REPORT NUMBER: BC/23/33
FROM: Electoral Registration Officer	DATE OF MEETING: 23 January 2024
OFFICER: Arthur Charvonja - Returning Officer	KEY DECISION REF NO. N/A

POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks approval from full Council to adopt the Polling Districts and Polling Places. These are listed in Appendix A of the report. Following a review, the South Suffolk Parliamentary constituency now falls in its entirety within the boundaries of Babergh District Council. The appendix also contains details of the proposed polling stations; however, this is just for the Council to note as it is the responsibility of the Returning Officer at each election to allocate polling stations.

2. OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 It is a statutory requirement with the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 that every council in England and Wales must undertake and complete a review of all the polling districts and polling places in the area.
- 2.2 Furthermore, changes to the Polling Districts and Polling Places are required to take into account the changes to parliamentary constituency boundaries, made by The Parliamentary Constituencies Order 2023 following the review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Polling Districts and Polling Places as listed in Appendix A to this report be agreed.

REASON FOR DECISION

- 3.3 To enable the Council to meet its obligations under the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013.

4. KEY INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Council's statutory review of polling districts and polling places commenced on the 6th October 2023 and ran until the 30th November 2023. The review has been conducted in accordance with the guidance published by the Electoral Commission.
- 4.2 Polling Districts, Places and Stations can be defined as follows:

Polling District – This is the administrative subdivision of a UK Parliamentary constituency into smaller geographical areas. Where an area is parished a polling district will usually be the whole parish. In larger parishes, or where there are parish warding arrangements there may be several polling districts designated within the parish boundary. It is for the Council to approve the designation of polling districts.

Polling Place – This is a definable place within the polling district where the polling station will be located. The polling place can be the whole polling district or a specified area within the polling district, however the Electoral Commission advises that it must be recognisable to electors throughout the polling district. It is for the Council to approve the designation of polling places.

Polling Station – This is the specific room or building within the polling place where polling will be conducted. It is for the Returning Officer at each election to determine the location of a polling station, however it must be located within the designated polling place for that polling district.

- 4.3 Interested parties including stakeholders, political groups, MP's and electors were invited to make any comments on the proposed changes to the Council's polling places, districts and polling stations. The full details of the consultation, including the consultation responses, and proposed changes can be viewed on the Council's web site.
- 4.4 Following the consultation process the Council has published at Appendix A, the details of the proposed designation of polling districts and polling places within the local authority area as a result of the review.
- 4.5 The result of the review provides a framework for operations within the Electoral Management System (EMS).

5. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 5.1 This is a core electoral service and legislative requirement undertaken to fulfil Council obligations and in-keeping with good democratic governance.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 In the event of a UK Parliamentary election all election costs are recoverable in full. For the Local Government elections in May 2027, election costs, where applicable, will be shared with the relevant town/parish councils.
- 6.2 The designation of an additional polling place is likely to cost between £1000 to £1500, these being costs incurred (inclusive of venue costs and staff fees, and not inclusive of electorate related fees) of providing a polling station at the polling place. Any additional polling place would therefore have a budgetary impact and would need to be reflected in the budget.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 To comply with Section 17 of the Electoral Administration Act 2013, Babergh District Council is required to conduct a review of all parliamentary polling districts and polling places within the South Suffolk Parliamentary Constituency between 1st October 2023 and 30th January 2025.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

8.1 The key risks are set out below:

Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation Measures
Failure to meet statutory requirements.	Unlikely - 2	Bad - 3	The Returning Officer has personal responsibility to ensure that the Council keeps its Polling Districts, Places and Polling stations under regular review and amend to reflect any changing circumstances. Project plans are in place to ensure that the review is conducted in line with statutory requirements.

9. CONSULTATION

9.1 Consultation has taken place with stakeholders, town and parish councils, district councillors, County Councillors, Members of Parliament, and party-political groups.

9.2 The Electoral Registration Officer has a statutory responsibility to consult with the Acting Returning Officer for any constituency which falls within the local authority area. The Electoral Registration Officer is the Acting Returning Officer for the South Suffolk Constituency.

9.3 The Electoral Registration Officer has a statutory obligation to consult any individual or group that may have particular expertise in accessibility considerations for polling places. The Disability Forum has been consulted in that regard.

10. EQUALITY ANALYSIS

10.1 The Council must seek to ensure that all the electors in the district/constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances and to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places they are responsible for are accessible to all electors, including those with a disability, and when considering the designation of a polling place, must have regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons. An equality impact assessment is attached at appendix B.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no environmental implications arising directly from this report. However, when selecting polling stations, the Returning Officer considers the accessibility of the venue by public transport and on foot to avoid additional unnecessary travel by car.

12. APPENDICES

Title	Location
(A) List of proposed Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations, including responses from Stakeholders and the comments of the Acting Returning Officer.	Attached
(B) Equality Impact Assessment	Attached
(C) Breakdown of the polling places which are undertaking significant changes, with maps provided.	Attached

13. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Boundary Commission for England

<https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/>

[Boundary review 2023: Which seats will change in the UK? \(parliament.uk\)](#)

[The Parliamentary Constituencies Order 2023 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)



BMSDC Schedule of Current & Proposed Polling District & Polling Places - Review 2023

Key
 Joint Polling place / /
 Babergh
 Mid Suffolk
 Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket
 South Suffolk
 Waveney
 Central Suffolk and North Ipswich
 Change of Name/ Division
 No Change

Polling Station	PD Code	Polling District Name	District	Parliamentary Constituency	PROPOSED Parliamentary Constituency	District Ward	County Division	New from 2025 County Division	Parish	No. Voters allocated to venue (Dec 2022) * indicates split register	Forecast No. of voters allocated to venue (2027)	Comments on Polling District
All Saints Church Beyton	MBEY	Beyton	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Thurston	Thedwastre South	Thedwastre South	Beyton	554	566	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-		Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements		
Buxhall Village Hall	MBUX	Buxhall	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Rattlesden	Thedwastre South	Thedwastre South	Buxhall	329	336	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-		Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements		
Combs - St Marys Church Hall	MCOM	Combs	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Onehouse	Bosmere	Thedwastre South	Combs	583	596	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-		Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements		
Combs - St Marys Church Hall	MLFI	Little Finborough	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Onehouse	Bosmere	Thedwastre South	Little Finborough	49	50	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-		Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements		
Drinkstone Village Hall	MDRI	Drinkstone	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Rattlesden	Thedwastre South	Thedwastre South	Drinkstone	492	503	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-		Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements		
Elmswell - The Blackbourne	MELN	Elmswell North	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Elmswell & Woolpit	Thedwastre North	Thedwastre North	Elmswell	1015	1038	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-		Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident endorses no change	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements		
Elmswell - The Wesley	MELS/1	Elmswell South 1	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Elmswell & Woolpit	Thedwastre North	Thedwastre North	Elmswell	25	25	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-		Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	The Elections Team will look into the voting arrangement within the venue.		
Elmswell - The Wesley	MELS/2	Elmswell South 2	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Elmswell & Woolpit	Thedwastre North	Thedwastre North	Elmswell	2537	2593	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-		Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident endorses no change but raises concerns about adequate voting space	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	The Elections Team will look into the voting arrangement within the venue.		
Felsham and Gedding Village Hall	MFEL	Felsham	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Rattlesden	Thedwastre South	Thedwastre South	Felsham	373	381	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-		Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements		
Felsham and Gedding Village Hall	MGED	Gedding	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Rattlesden	Thedwastre South	Thedwastre South	Gedding	111	113	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-		Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements		
Great Finborough - Pettward Hall	MGFI	Great Finborough	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Onehouse	Thedwastre South	Thedwastre South	Great Finborough	652	666	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-		Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident endorses no change but raises concern towards convenience of location and accessibility as there is no parking.	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Investigate where nearest parking facilities are and liaise with Parish Council.		
Hessett & Beyton Village Hall	MHES	Hessett	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Rattlesden	Thedwastre South	Thedwastre South	Hessett	387	396	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-		Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements		
Norton Village Hall	MNOR	Norton	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Thurston	Thedwastre North	Thedwastre North	Norton	896	916	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-		Other Comments on Polling Station		Building Works in 2024 - temporary use of Norton Baptist Church	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Temporary use of the Norton Baptist Church until refurbishments have been carried out.		
Norton Village Hall	MSLA	Stowlangtoft	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Thurston	Thedwastre North	Thedwastre North	Stowlangtoft	184	188	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-		Other Comments on Polling Station		Building Works in 2024 - temporary use of Norton Baptist Church	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Temporary use of the Norton Baptist Church until refurbishments have been carried out.		
Onehouse Community Centre	MHAR	Harleston	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Onehouse	Thedwastre South	Thedwastre South	Harleston	121	124	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-		Other Comments on Polling Station		Original Polling Station to be used: Onehouse Trinity Hall	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	Onehouse Trinity Hall	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements		
Onehouse Community Centre	MONE	Onehouse	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Onehouse	Thedwastre South	Thedwastre South	Onehouse	777	794	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-		Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident endorses no change. Original Polling Station to be used: Onehouse Trinity Hall	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	Onehouse Trinity Hall	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements		
Onehouse Community Centre	MSHE	Shelland	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Onehouse	Thedwastre South	Thedwastre South	Shelland	45	46	No Change Necessary

Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station	Original Polling Station to be used: Onehouse Trinity Hall	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	Onehouse Trinity Hall	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements			
Rattlesden Village Hall	MRAT	Rattlesden	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Rattlesden	Thedwastre South	Thedwastre South	Rattlesden	789	807	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	1 resident endorse no change	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements			
Stowmarket (SCF1) - Boys Brigade Hall	MSCF1	Combs Ford 1	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Combs Ford (Stowmarket)	Stowmarket South	Stowmarket East	Stowmarket	1756	1795	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements			
Stowmarket (SCF1) - Boys Brigade Hall	MSCF1a	Combs Ford 1a	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Combs Ford (Stowmarket)	Bosmere	Stowmarket East	Stowmarket	114	117	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements			
Stowmarket (SCF2) - Milton Room - Hillside Commu	MSCF2	Combs Ford 2	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Combs Ford (Stowmarket)	Stowmarket South	Stowmarket East	Stowmarket	1894	1936	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	1 representative endores no change	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements			
Stowmarket (SCF3) - Red Gables - Red Woods	MSCF3	Combs Ford 3	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Combs Ford (Stowmarket)	Stowmarket South	Stowmarket East	Stowmarket	837	856	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	2 residents endores no change	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements			
Stowmarket (SCH1) - Meeting Room 1 Leisure Centre	MSCSH	Chilton South	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Chilton (Stowmarket)	Stowmarket South	Stowmarket West	Stowmarket	1676	1713	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	1 resident endores no change	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements			
Stowmarket (SCH2&3) - Chilton Fields Sports Club	MSCHN1	Chilton North /1	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Chilton (Stowmarket)	Stowmarket North & Stowupland	Stowmarket West	Stowmarket	970	992	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements			
Stowmarket (SCH2&3) - Chilton Fields Sports Club	MSCHN2	Chilton North /2	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Chilton (Stowmarket)	Stowmarket North & Stowupland	Stowmarket West	Stowmarket	2110	2157	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements			
Stowmarket (SCH2&3) - Chilton Fields Sports Club	MSCHN1	Chilton North 1	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Chilton (Stowmarket)	Thedwastre South	Stowmarket West	Stowmarket	47	48	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements			
Stowmarket (SSP1&2) - Rookery Bowls Club	MSSPN	St Peter's North	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	St Peters (Stowmarket)	Stowmarket North & Stowupland	Stowmarket West	Stowmarket	1140	1165	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	1 representative endores no change	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements			
Stowmarket (SSP1&2) - Rookery Bowls Club	MSSPS	St Peter's South	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	St Peters (Stowmarket)	Stowmarket South	Stowmarket West	Stowmarket	1093	1117	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	1 representative endores no change	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements			
Stowmarket (SST1) - NRG Fitness	MSS1	Stow Thorney 1	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Stow Thorney (Stowmarket)	Stowmarket North & Stowupland	Stowmarket East	Stowmarket	563	576	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	1 resident endores no change but highlights issues with room lighting, number of doors to room, accessibility for wheel users, and parking conditions (outside of access ramp).	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	Cedars Park Community Centre	Explanatory notes	NGR has opted out as a polling place as their new internal room arrangements mean there is no longer the adequate facility to offer. Cedars Park has been deemed as a suitable alternative in consideration to this, which will be reviewed after the May election.			
Stowmarket (SST2) - Cedars Park Community Centre	MSS2	Stow Thorney 2	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Stow Thorney (Stowmarket)	Stowmarket North & Stowupland	Stowmarket East	Stowmarket	2229	2279	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	1 resident endores no change but raises concern about lighting.	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Additional lighting will be reviewed for the venue.			
Stowmarket (SST3) - Suffolk Football Association HC	MSS3	Stow Thorney 3	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Stow Thorney (Stowmarket)	Stowmarket North & Stowupland	Stowmarket East	Stowmarket	1362	1392	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	2 residents endores no change but raise issue with height of polling booths	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	The Elections Team will liaise with the Polling staff to assist with the additional voter requirements.			
Thurston (TH1) - Cavendish Hall	MTH1	Thurston East	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Thurston	Thedwastre South	Thedwastre South	Thurston	1245	1273	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	The Parish Council endores no change			Other Comments on Polling Station	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements			
Thurston (TH2) - New Green Community Centre	MTH2	Thurston West	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Thurston	Thedwastre South	Thedwastre South	Thurston	1694	1732	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	The Parish Council endores no change			Other Comments on Polling Station	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements			
Tostock Village Hall - Committee Room	MTOS	Tostock	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Thurston	Thedwastre North	Thedwastre South	Tostock	420	429	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements			
Woolpit Village Hall - Cathy Prior Room	MWO1	Woolpit	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Elmswell & Woolpit	Thedwastre North	Thedwastre North	Woolpit	1743	1782	No Change Necessary

Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Ashfield Cum Thorpe Community Centre	MACT	Ashfield-cum-Thorpe	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Debenham	Thredling	Thredling	Ashfield Cum Thorpe	175	179	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Barham - Scout & Guide Hut	MBRH	Barham	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Claydon & Barham	Gipping Valley	Gipping Valley	Barham	1174	1200	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Barking Village Hall Annexe	MBRK	Barking	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Battisford & Ringshall	Bosmere	Bosmere	Barking	343	351	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Barking Village Hall Annexe	MWIL	Willisham	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Battisford & Ringshall	Bosmere	Bosmere	Offton & Willisham	222	227	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Battisford Village Hall	MBTT	Battisford	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Battisford & Ringshall	Bosmere	Bosmere	Battisford	481	492	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Bayham Village Hall	MBAY	Bayham	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Needham Market	Bosmere	Bosmere	Bayham	217	222	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Bayham Village Hall	MDAR	Darmsden	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Needham Market	Bosmere	Bosmere	Darmsden	37	38	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Bedingfield Village Hall	MBDI	Bedingfield	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Debenham	Thredling	Thredling	Bedingfield	192	196	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Bramford - Loraine Victory Hall	MBRM	Bramford	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Bramford	Gipping Valley	Gipping Valley	Bramford	2107	2154	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident endorses no change + 1 organisation endorses no change		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Claydon & Barham Village Hall	MAKE	Akenham	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Claydon & Barham	Gipping Valley	Gipping Valley	Akenham	43	44	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	Requested change due to distance of polling place. Endorsed change by District Councillor. Proffered Community Centre at Henley, Whitton Parish Church (St Mary & St Botolph) as alternatives noting the latter is outside of the District.			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	Henley Community Centre	Explanatory notes	The local knowledge on the matter was useful in reorienting the electorate to a more easily accessible polling place. Henley Community Centre is within the District and already in use as a polling place resulting in no additional burden on the Council.	
Claydon & Barham Village Hall	MCLA	Claydon	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Claydon & Barham	Gipping Valley	Gipping Valley	Claydon	1656	1693	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Claydon & Barham Village Hall	MWHI	Whitton	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Claydon & Barham	Gipping Valley	Gipping Valley	Whitton	103	105	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Coddenham - The Coddenham Centre	MCOD	Coddenham	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Claydon & Barham	Thredling	Bosmere	Coddenham	493	504	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Creeting St Mary Diamond Jubilee Hall	MCSM	Creeting St Mary	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Needham Market	Thredling	Thredling	Creeting St Mary	639	653	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Creeting St Peter Church Hall	MCSP	Creeting St Peter	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Needham Market	Stowmarket North & Stowupland	Bosmere	Creeting St Peter	204	209	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Crowfield Village Hall	MCRO	Crowfield	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Stonham	Thredling	Thredling	Crowfield	302	309	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Crowfield Village Hall	MPET	Pettaugh	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Stonham	Thredling	Thredling	Pettaugh	166	170	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Debenham - Dove Cottage	MASP	Aspall	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Debenham	Thredling	Thredling	Aspall	45	46	No Change Necessary

Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Debenham - Dove Cottage	MDEB	Debenham	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Debenham	Thredling	Thredling	Debenham	1730	1768	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Debenham - Dove Cottage	MKEN	Kenton	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Debenham	Thredling	Thredling	Kenton	184	188	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	The Parish Meeting forwarded previous discussions about the original replacement location for the Caravan			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	Bedingfield Village Hall	Explanatory notes	Historical use of a polling caravan that had an agreed change to Bedingfield Village Hall. The proposed change here represents a restoration to the previously agreed and assigned Polling Place. Additionally Bedingfield Village Hall is already an existing polling place in use, and is considered able to facilitate the additional capacity required.	
Debenham - Dove Cottage	MWNS	Winston	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Debenham	Thredling	Thredling	Winston	124	127	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Earl Stonham Village Hall	MEAR	Earl Stonham	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Stonham	Thredling	Thredling	Earl Stonham	512	523	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Framsden Mission Hall	MFRA	Framsden	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Stonham	Thredling	Thredling	Framsden	261	267	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Framsden Mission Hall	MHEL	Helmington	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Stonham	Thredling	Thredling	Helmington	114	117	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Gosbeck Community Village Hall	MASB	Ashbocking	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Claydon & Barham	Thredling	Thredling	Ashbocking	288	294	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Gosbeck Community Village Hall	MGOS	Gosbeck	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Claydon & Barham	Thredling	Thredling	Gosbeck	186	190	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Great Blakenham Parish Room	MGBL	Great Blakenham	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Blakenham	Gipping Valley	Gipping Valley	Great Blakenham	1878	1920	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Great Bricett Village Hall	MGBR	Great Bricett	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Battisford & Ringshall	Bosmere	Bosmere	Great Bricett	522	534	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Hemingstone Village Hut	MHEM	Hemingstone	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Claydon & Barham	Gipping Valley	Gipping Valley	Hemingstone	208	213	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Henley Community Centre	MHEN	Henley	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Claydon & Barham	Gipping Valley	Gipping Valley	Henley	443	453	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Little Blakenham Village Hall	MLBL	Little Blakenham	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Blakenham	Gipping Valley	Gipping Valley	Little Blakenham	232	237	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Mickfield Village Centre	MMIC	Mickfield	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Stonham	Upper Gipping	Thredling	Mickfield	177	181	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Needham Market Community Centre	MBDL	Badley	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Needham Market	Bosmere	Bosmere	Needham Market	59	60	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Needham Market Community Centre	MNMN	Needham Market North	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Needham Market	Bosmere	Bosmere	Needham Market	1430	1462	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Needham Market Community Centre	MNMS/1	Needham Market South 1	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Needham Market	Bosmere	Bosmere	Needham Market	2474	2529	Merge with MNMS/2
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident endores no change of polling place		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	Merge with MNMS/2	Explanatory notes	Parliamentary boundary change renders register split unnecessary	
Needham Market Community Centre	MNMS/2	Needham Market South 2	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Needham Market	Bosmere	Bosmere	Needham Market			Merge with MNMS/1

Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station				Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	Merge with MNMS/1	Explanatory notes	Parliamentary boundary change renders register split unnecessary	
Offton New Village Hall	MOFF	Offton	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Battisford & Ringshall	Bosmere	Bosmere	Offton & Willissham	318	325	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station				Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Ringshall Village Hall	MRNG	Ringshall	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Battisford & Ringshall	Bosmere	Bosmere	Ringshall	584	597	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station				Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Somersham Village Hall	MFLO	Flowton	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Blakenham	Gipping Valley	Gipping Valley	Flowton	93	95	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	The Parish Meeting has requested a change to Flowton Church which has since been accommodated with a toilet and kitchen. Current polling place has been raised as too far for the elderly to walk.			Other Comments on Polling Station				Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	Flowton St Mary's Church (trial)	Explanatory notes	It has been acknowledge that the route between the Parish and the current voting location is narrow, pathless, winding, and dangerous in adverse weather conditions, unsuitable for the vulnerable or elderly. This trial change is conditioned that the Parish assist with the allocation of Polling Staff for the place, so that both District and Parish work together in the re-operation of this service.	
Somersham Village Hall	MNET	Nettlestead	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Blakenham	Bosmere	Bosmere	Nettlestead	72	74	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station				Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Somersham Village Hall	MSOM	Somersham	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Blakenham	Bosmere	Bosmere	Somersham	614	628	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident endroes no change		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Stonham Aspal Village Hall	MSAS	Stonham Aspal	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Stonham	Thredling	Thredling	Stonham Aspal	479	490	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station		1 Resident endorses no change but concern raised towards accessibility. Preference for increased footpath width.		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Structural alterations to locations go beyond the scope of the review. However, this concern can be communicated to the appropriate body.	
Stonham Parva Baptist Church Hall	MSPA	Stonham Parva	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Stonham	Thredling	Thredling	Stonham Parva	307	314	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station				Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Acton Village Hall - The Meeting Room	BACT	Acton Village Hall	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Long Melford	Sudbury East & Waldingfield	Stour Valley	Acton Village Hall	1507	1540	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station				Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Alpheton Village Hall	BALP	Alpheton	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Long Melford	Melford	Cosford	Alpheton	217	222	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station				Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Assington Village Hall	BASS	Assington	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Assington	Stour Valley	Stour Valley	Assington	425	434	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	The Parish Council endorses no change			Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident endorse no change		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Belstead Village Hall	BBEL	Belstead	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Orwell	Belstead Brook	Brook	Belstead	202	206	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station				Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Bentley Village Hall	BBEN	Bentley	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Copdock & Washbrook	Samford	Constable	Bentley	706	722	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station				Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Bildeston - Chamberlin Hall	BBIL	Bildeston	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	North West Cosford	Cosford	Cosford	Bildeston	851	870	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station				Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Bildeston - Chamberlin Hall	BWAT	Wattisham	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	North West Cosford	Cosford	Cosford	Wattisham	86	88	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station				Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Boxford Village Hall	BBXF	Boxford	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Box Vale	Stour Valley	Cosford	Boxford	1080	1104	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station				Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Brantham Village Hall	BBRA	Brantham	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Brantham	Peninsula	Peninsula	Brantham	2061	2107	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	Ward Councillor consulted in support of no change, and aligned with adequacy of current parking capacity.			Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident concern over parking, convenience of location and accessibility.		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Brantham Leisure Centre suggested an alternative. Suitability determined not as accessible as the Village Hall. In addition, the area hosts ample off-road parking.	
Brent Eleigh Village Hall	BBRN	Brent Eleigh	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Box Vale	Cosford	Cosford	Brent Eleigh	139	142	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station				Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Brettenham Village Hall	BBRT	Brettenham	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	North West Cosford	Cosford	Cosford	Brettenham	231	236	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station				Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Bures Community Centre	BBSM	Bures St Mary	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Bures St Mary & Nayland	Stour Valley	Stour Valley	Bures St Mary	779	796	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station				Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Burstall Village Hall	BBST	Burstall	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Copdock & Washbrook	Belstead Brook	Brook	Burstall	183	187	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments				Other Comments on Polling Station				Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	

Capel Community Centre	BCAP/1	Capel St Mary 1	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Capel St Mary	Samford	Constable	Capel St Mary	1685	1722	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident endorses no change		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Capel Community Centre	BCAP/2	Capel St Mary 2	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Capel St Mary	Samford	Constable	Capel St Mary	454	464	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Capel Community Centre	BWEM	Wenham Magna	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Copdock & Washbrook	Samford	Constable	Wenham Magna	119	122	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Capel Community Centre	BWEP	Wenham Parva	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Copdock & Washbrook	Samford	Constable	Wenham Parva	26	27	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Chelmondiston Village Hall	BCHM	Chelmondiston	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Orwell	Peninsula	Peninsula	Chelmondiston	828	846	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Cockfield Village Hall	BCOC	Cockfield	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Lavenham	Cosford	Cosford	Cockfield	781	798	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	Parish Council endorses no change			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Copdock & Washbrook Village Hall	BCOP	Copdock & Washbrook	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Copdock & Washbrook	Belstead Brook	Brook	opdock & Washbroo	900	920	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident endorses no change		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
East Bergholt - Fields Farmshop and Cafe	BEBE	East Bergholt East	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	East Bergholt	Samford	Constable	East Bergholt	353	361	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
East Bergholt - The Lambe School	BEBW	East Bergholt West	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	East Bergholt	Samford	Constable	East Bergholt	1858	1899	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Edwardstone - Parish Hall	BEDW	Edwardstone	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Box Vale	Stour Valley	Cosford	Edwardstone	297	304	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Elmsett and Aldham Village Hall	BALD	Aldham	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	South East Cosford	Cosford	Brook	Aldham	159	163	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	Parish Room suggested as polling station for Aldham by the Aldham Parish Council			Other Comments on Polling Station		3 residents emailed to support the Parish's comments		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	Parish Room (trial)	Explanatory notes	APC indicated that resident preference is towards the Parish Room and is closer than the previous allocated location. Lighting will need to be provisioned to assist voters, however this has been reported as a less of an inconvenience for the residents. Steps at previous location disadvantages disabled voters. Previous location change was unconsulted according to the Parish. Proposal to trial the venue at the SPCC election and review it thereafter. This trial change is conditioned that the Parish assist with the allocation of Polling Staff for the place, so that both District and Parish work together in the re-operation of this service.	
Elmsett and Aldham Village Hall	BELM	Elmsett	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	South East Cosford	Cosford	Brook	Elmsett	644	658	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Glemsford Village Hall	BGLE/1	Glemsford 1	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Chadare	Melford	Melford	Glemsford	5	5	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Glemsford Village Hall	BGLE/2	Glemsford 2	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Chadare	Melford	Melford	Glemsford	2793	2856	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Great Waldingfield Village Hall	BCHI	Chilton	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Lavenham	Sudbury East & Waldingfield	Stour Valley	Chilton	354	362	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	The Parish Council endorses no change. However notes convenience of location could be more desirable.			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Great Waldingfield Village Hall	BGWA	Great Waldingfield	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Lavenham	Sudbury East & Waldingfield	Stour Valley	Great Waldingfield	1322	1351	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Groton Village Hall	BGRO	Groton	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Box Vale	Stour Valley	Cosford	Groton	230	235	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		3 resident endorses no change 1 organisation endorses no change		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Gt Cornard - Sudbury Rugby Club	BGCS2	Great Cornard South 2	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Great Cornard	Great Cornard	Cornard & Sudbury East	Great Cornard	962	983	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Gt Cornard - The Old School	BGCS1/1	Great Cornard South 1/1	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Great Cornard	Great Cornard	Cornard & Sudbury East	Great Cornard	29	29	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Gt Cornard - The Old School	BGCS1/2	Great Cornard South 1/2	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Great Cornard	Great Cornard	Cornard & Sudbury East	Great Cornard	2674	2734	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Gt Cornard - The Stevenson Centre	BGCN1	Great Cornard North 1	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Great Cornard	Great Cornard	Cornard & Sudbury East	Great Cornard	2007	2052	No Change Necessary

Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	It is the belief of the Parish Council that Great Cornard residents who live in the North Ward have been disadvantaged during recent elections due to a large amount being elderly or disabled and not being able to access a polling station closer to their homes. The Parish Council requests that a second, much needed polling station is re-established at Pot Kiln School. Ward Councillors consulted were divided between support towards the PC and no change due to historic safeguarding concerns.			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	The move is untenable due to the high risk presented to Primary children from the Public. Additionally, the different locations are not justifiably far enough apart, adding little added value. Recommendations for voting difficulties due to distance is to opt for postal vote.	
Great Cornard - The Stevenson Centre	BGCN2	Great Cornard North 2	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Great Cornard	Great Cornard	Cornard & Sudbury East	Great Cornard	1397	1428	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Hadleigh - St Joseph's Catholic Church	BHAN2	Hadleigh North 2	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Hadleigh North	Hadleigh	Hadleigh	Hadleigh	1680	1717	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Hadleigh - The Pavilion	BHAN1	Hadleigh North 1	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Hadleigh North	Hadleigh	Hadleigh	Hadleigh	519	531	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Hadleigh - URC The Community Room	BHAS1	Hadleigh South 1	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Hadleigh South	Hadleigh	Hadleigh	Hadleigh	838	857	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Hadleigh Pool & Leisure Centre	BHAS2	Hadleigh South 2	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Hadleigh South	Hadleigh	Hadleigh	Hadleigh	2005	2050	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Hadleigh Town Hall - The Guildroom	BHAS3	Hadleigh South 3	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Hadleigh South	Hadleigh	Hadleigh	Hadleigh	1577	1612	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Harkstead Village Hall	BHRK	Harkstead	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Stour	Peninsula	Peninsula	Harkstead	232	237	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	Parish Council endorses no change			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Hartest Village Institute	BBXT	Boxted	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Chadacre	Melford	Melford	Boxted	94	96	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Hartest Village Institute	BHRT	Hartest	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Chadacre	Melford	Melford	Hartest	380	388	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Hartest Village Institute	BSOM	Somerton	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Chadacre	Melford	Melford	Somerton	69	71	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Hintlesham Community Hall	BCHA	Chattisham	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Copdock & Washbrook	Belstead Brook	Brook	attisham & Hintlesh	2571	2628	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Hintlesham Community Hall	BHIN	Hintlesham	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Copdock & Washbrook	Belstead Brook	Brook	attisham & Hintlesh	532	544	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Hitcham Village Hall	BHIT	Hitcham	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	North West Cosford	Cosford	Cosford	Hitcham	545	557	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Hitcham Village Hall	BKET	Kettlebaston	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	North West Cosford	Cosford	Cosford	Kettlebaston	60	61	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Holbrook Village Hall	BHOL	Holbrook	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Stour	Peninsula	Peninsula	Holbrook	1418	1449	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Holton St Mary Village Hall	BHSM	Holton St Mary	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Brett Vale	Samford	Constable	Holton St Mary	202	206	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Kersey Village Hall	BKER	Kersey	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	South East Cosford	Cosford	Hadleigh	Kersey	286	292	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	Endorses no change			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
King George's Field and Sports Pavilion	BRAY	Raydon	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Brett Vale	Samford	Hadleigh	Raydon	484	495	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
King George's Field and Sports Pavilion	BSHE	Shelley	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Brett Vale	Samford	Constable	Shelley	42	43	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Lavenham Village Hall	BLAV	Lavenham	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Lavenham	Cosford	Cosford	Lavenham	1620	1656	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Lawshall Village Hall	BLAW	Lawshall	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Chadacre	Melford	Melford	Lawshall	789	807	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident endorses no change		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Layham Village Hall	BLAY	Layham	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Brett Vale	Samford	Hadleigh	Layham	465	475	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	The Parish Council endorses no change			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Leavenheath Village Hall	BLEA	Leavenheath	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Assington	Stour Valley	Stour Valley	Leavenheath	1072	1096	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-	-	Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	

Lindsey Village Hall	BLIN	Lindsey	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	South East Cosford	Stour Valley	Cosford	Lindsey	159	163	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Little Cornard Village Hall	BLCO	Little Cornard	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Asington	Stour Valley	Stour Valley	Little Cornard	257	263	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Little Waldingfield Parish Room	BLWA	Little Waldingfield	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Lavenham	Sudbury East & Waldingfield	Cosford	Little Waldingfield	296	303	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Long Melford - Old School Community Centre	BLMN	Long Melford North	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Long Melford	Melford	Melford	Long Melford	1556	1591	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		2 resident endores no change, 1 of which raises issue with the convenience of location and lighting issues to a lesser degree.		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	The suitability of location remains the most ideal for the polling district, the Elections Team will look provide further lighting provisions.	
Long Melford Football Club - Clubhouse	BLMS	Long Melford South	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Long Melford	Melford	Melford	Long Melford	1577	1612	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		1 request to change to St Catherine's church due to unsuitability of venue, noted as dangerous outside surface and poor lighting. Other alternatives provided: Break Out, former United Reformed Church. 1 resident endores no change due to limited alternatives, however, raises concern about lack of adequate lighting		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	The facilities as a polling place are adequate for a polling place, and parking capacity facilitates electors. The direpair of the parking surface is an active item the venue seeks to remedy.	
Monks Eleigh Village Hall	BCHS	Chelworth	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	South East Cosford	Cosford	Cosford	Chelworth	125	128	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Monks Eleigh Village Hall	BML	Milden	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Box Vale	Stour Valley	Cosford	Milden	98	100	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Monks Eleigh Village Hall	BMON	Monks Eleigh	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Box Vale	Cosford	Cosford	Monks Eleigh	429	439	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Nayland Village Hall	BNAY	Nayland-with-Wissington	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Bures St Mary & Nayland	Stour Valley	Constable	lyland-with-Wissington	928	949	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident endores no change		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Nedging with Naughton Village Hall	BNED	Nedging-with-Naughton	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	South East Cosford	Cosford	Cosford	edging-with-Naughton	367	375	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Newton Village Hall	BNEW	Newton	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Asington	Stour Valley	Stour Valley	Newton	446	456	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Pinewood - Belstead Brook Muthu Hotel	BPNS	Pinewood	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Sproughton & Pinewood	Belstead Brook	Brook	Pinewood	896	916	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Pinewood Community Hall	BPNN	Pinewood	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Sproughton & Pinewood	Belstead Brook	Brook	Pinewood	2267	2317	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Polstead Village Hall	BPOL	Polstead	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Brett Vale	Samford	Constable	Polstead	699	715	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	The Parish Council endores no change			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Preston St Mary Village Hall	BPRE	Preston St Mary	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	North West Cosford	Cosford	Cosford	Preston St Mary	186	190	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Semer Village Hall	BSEM	Semer	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	South East Cosford	Cosford	Cosford	Semer	112	114	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Shimpling Village Hall	BSHI	Shimpling	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Chadacre	Melford	Melford	Shimpling	360	368	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Shotley Village Hall	BERW	Arwaton	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Ganges	Peninsula	Peninsula	Arwaton	113	116	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Shotley Village Hall	BSHO	Shotley	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Ganges	Peninsula	Peninsula	Shotley	1839	1880	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Sproughton - Tithes Barn	BSPR	Sproughton	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Sproughton & Pinewood	Belstead Brook	Brook	Sproughton	1249	1277	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		4 residents have raised concerns with distance, accessibility, convenience, lighting and privacy. Alternatives suggested are the Holiday Inn or Suffolk One 1 resident endores no change		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	It is acknowledged that the site uses off-parking around and near the Church. A change away from Sproughton itself would disservice the majority of the electorate. For those on the other side of the A14, it is recommended to opt for postal voting should distance prove a concern. The facilities themselves have been deemed adequate though the Elections team will be in further liaison with the venue and polling staff to ensure privacy and lighting are appropriate levels.	
Stanstead Community Centre	BSTA	Stanstead	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Chadacre	Melford	Melford	Stanstead	283	289	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Stoke by Nayland Village Hall	BBSN	Stoke-by-Nayland	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Bures St Mary & Nayland	Stour Valley	Constable	Stoke-by-Nayland	528	540	No Change Necessary

Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	The Parish Council endorses no change			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Reported as well located and suitable as a venue.	
Stratford St Mary Village Institute	BHIG	Higham	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Brett Vale	Samford	Constable	Higham	111	113	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Stratford St Mary Village Institute	BSSM	Stratford St Mary	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Brett Vale	Samford	Constable	Stratford St Mary	620	634	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Stutton Community Hall	BSTU	Stutton	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Stour	Peninsula	Peninsula	Stutton	738	754	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Sudbury - Baptist Church	BSSW1	Sudbury South West 1	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Sudbury South West	Sudbury	Sudbury West	Sudbury	1766	1805	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident endorses no change		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Sudbury - Elizabeth Court	BSSS	Sudbury South	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Sudbury South East	Sudbury East & Waldingfield	Sudbury West	Sudbury	1252	1280	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		Comments raised by residents of polling place that the location inconveniences their daily actions		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	Move to South Suffolk Business Centre	Explanatory notes	Original polling place delphi closure original cause of the initial move. South Suffolk Business Centre central to South Suffolk to better enfranchise the polling district.	
Sudbury - Elizabeth Court	BSSS	St Leonards	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Sudbury South West	Sudbury East & Waldingfield	Sudbury West	Sudbury	213	218	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		Comments raised by residents of polling place that the location inconveniences their daily actions		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	Move to Town Hall	Explanatory notes	The Town Hall an existing and suitable location, with the distance comparable to the previous location.	
Sudbury - Ormiston Academy	BSHR	Hawkins Road	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Sudbury North East	Sudbury	Stour Valley	Sudbury	153	156	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		Building works planned 2024 - temporary site to be determined 1 representative has raised concerns about distance to polling place. Suggested alternative Leading Lives, Community Hub		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	Move to Leading Lives Community Hub	Explanatory notes	Planned works no longer to interfere. However, Community Hub has been established as a more distance appropriate place for the electorate.	
Sudbury - Ormiston Academy	BSSS	Sudbury East	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Sudbury North East	Sudbury East & Waldingfield	Stour Valley	Sudbury	1753	1792	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	Town Council concerned location is too far from residents. Suggestions to split polling district and top half use Community Hub off A134			Other Comments on Polling Station		Building works planned 2024 - temporary site to be determined 1 representative has raised concerns about distance to polling place. Suggested alternative Leading Lives, Community Hub		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	Move to Leading Lives Community Hub	Explanatory notes	Planned works no longer to interfere. However, Community Hub has been established as a more distance appropriate place for the electorate.	
Sudbury - Ormiston Academy	BSSN1	Sudbury North 1	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Sudbury North West	Sudbury	Sudbury West	Sudbury	1552	1586	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		Building works planned 2024 - temporary site to be determined		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Planned works no longer to interfere.	
Sudbury - Ormiston Academy	BSSN3	Sudbury North 3	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Sudbury North West	Sudbury	Sudbury West	Sudbury	769	786	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		Building works planned 2024 - temporary site to be determined		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Planned works no longer to interfere.	
Sudbury - St Johns Methodist Church Hall	BSSN2	Sudbury North 2	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Sudbury North West	Sudbury	Sudbury West	Sudbury	1783	1823	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident comments unrelated to their polling place Polling place endorsed no change and offered different provision of room (main church premise) that is believed to be more suitable to voters		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Elections Team have liaised with the polling place and corroborated the suitability of the new arrangements.	
Sudbury - Town Hall	BSEH	Elm & Hillside	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Sudbury South East	Sudbury	Cornard & Sudbury East	Sudbury	622	636	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	Move to South Suffolk Business Centre	Explanatory notes	Recommended move to a newly established location in South Sudbury as the areas are in the same district ward and the electorate will witness a reduction in distance to the polling place.	
Sudbury - Town Hall	BSSW2	Sudbury South West 2	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Sudbury South West	Sudbury	Sudbury West	Sudbury	204	209	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	As no consultations were received the current place has been deemed as suitable and known to the electorate. Other alternatives have been kept on file for future review purposes	
Tattingstone Village Hall	BTAT	Tattingstone	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Orwell	Peninsula	Peninsula	Tattingstone	446	456	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Thorpe Morieux Village Hall	BTHO	Thorpe Morieux	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	North West Cosford	Cosford	Cosford	Thorpe Morieux	219	224	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Whatfield Village Hall	BWHA	Whatfield	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	South East Cosford	Cosford	Hadleigh	Whatfield	294	301	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Wherstead Village Hall	BWHE	Wherstead	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Orwell	Belstead Brook	Peninsula	Wherstead	259	265	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Woolverstone - The Berners Hall	BFRE	Freston	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Orwell	Peninsula	Peninsula	Freston	104	106	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Woolverstone - The Berners Hall	BWOO	Woolverstone	Babergh	South Suffolk	South Suffolk	Orwell	Peninsula	Peninsula	Woolverstone	237	242	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Bacton Village Hall	MBCT	Bacton	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Bacton	Upper Gipping	Upper Gipping	Bacton	970	992	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Badwell Ash Village Hall	MBDW	Badwell Ash	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Walsham-le-Willows	Thedwastre North	Thedwastre North	Badwell Ash	724	740	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Badwell Ash Village Hall	MLAN	Langham	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Walsham-le-Willows	Thedwastre North	Thedwastre North	Langham	73	75	No Change Necessary

Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Bedfield Community Hub	MBDF	Bedfield	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Hoxne & Worlingworth	Thredling	Thredling	Bedfield	302	309	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Bedfield Community Hub	MMON	Monk Soham	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Hoxne & Worlingworth	Thredling	Thredling	Monk Soham	154	157	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Bedingfield Village Hall	MRIS	Rishangles	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Mendlesham	Thredling	Upper Gipping	Rishangles	64	65	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Botesdale Village Hall	MBOT	Botesdale	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Rickingham	Hartismere	Hartismere	Botesdale	622	636	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Brome Village Hall	MBRO	Brome	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Palgrave	Hartismere	Hartismere	Brome & Oakley	270	276	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Brome Village Hall	MOAK	Oakley	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Palgrave	Hartismere	Hartismere	Brome & Oakley	194	198	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Brundish Village Hall - Holiday Room	MBRU	Brundish	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Stradbroke & Laxfield	Thredling	Thredling	Brundish	141	144	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	1 resident endores no change			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Cotton Village Hall	MCOT	Cotton	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Bacton	Upper Gipping	Upper Gipping	Cotton	459	469	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Eye Town Hall	MEYE	Eye	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Eye	Hoxne & Eye	Hoxne & Eye	Eye	1703	1741	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	1 resident endores no change with minor attention raised towards privacy of voting space			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Elections Team will review the arrangement of voting booths with the Polling Staff	
Fressingfield - Sarcroft Hall	MFRE	Fressingfield	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Fressingfield	Hoxne & Eye	Hoxne & Eye	Fressingfield	883	903	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Gislingham Village Hall	MGIS	Gislingham	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Gislingham	Hartismere	Hartismere	Gislingham	961	982	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Great Ashfield - The Lord Thurlow, Village Hall	MGAS	Great Ashfield	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Walsham-le-Willows	Thedwastre North	Thedwastre North	Great Ashfield	275	281	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Great Ashfield - The Lord Thurlow, Village Hall	MHUN	Hunston	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Walsham-le-Willows	Thedwastre North	Thedwastre North	Hunston	94	96	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Haughley Village Hall	MHAU	Haughley	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Haughley, Stowupland & Wetherden	Upper Gipping	Upper Gipping	Haughley	1415	1446	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Hinderclay Village Hall	MHIN	Hinderclay	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Rickingham	Hartismere	Hartismere	Hinderclay	243	248	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Horham Old School	MATH	Athelington	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Hoxne & Worlingworth	Hoxne & Eye	Hoxne & Eye	Athelington	34	35	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Horham Old School	MHOR	Horham	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Hoxne & Worlingworth	Hoxne & Eye	Hoxne & Eye	Horham	246	251	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Hoxne Village Hall	MDEN	Denham	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Hoxne & Worlingworth	Hoxne & Eye	Hoxne & Eye	Denham	152	155	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Hoxne Village Hall	MHOX	Hoxne	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Hoxne & Worlingworth	Hoxne & Eye	Hoxne & Eye	Hoxne	693	708	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	1 resident endores no change			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Laxfield Village Hall	MLAX	Laxfield	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Stradbroke & Laxfield	Hoxne & Eye	Hoxne & Eye	Laxfield	830	848	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Mellis Memorial Hall	MMEL	Mellis	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Gislingham	Hartismere	Hartismere	Mellis	417	426	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Mendham and Withersdale Village Hall	MMDH	Mendham	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Fressingfield	Hoxne & Eye	Hoxne & Eye	Mendham	364	372	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station	-			Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	

Mendlesham - Old School Room	MMDL	Mendlesham	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Mendlesham	Upper Gipping	Upper Gipping	Mendlesham	1187	1213	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	Parish Council endorses no change			Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident endorses no change		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Metfield Village Hall	MMET	Metfield	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Fressingfield	Hoxne & Eye	Hoxne & Eye	Metfield	345	353	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident endorses no change and proffers Fir Tree Farm as an alternative		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	The alternative location has been noted for future review purposes, however the current location has been deemed as suitable for continuation.	
Occold Village Hall	MOCC	Occold	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Eye	Upper Gipping	Hoxne & Eye	Occold	420	429	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Occold Village Hall	MRDL	Reddingfield	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Eye	Hoxne & Eye	Hoxne & Eye	Reddingfield	105	107	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Old Newton Village Hall	MGIP	Gipping	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Haughley, Stowupland & Wetherden	Upper Gipping	Upper Gipping	Old Newton with Dagworth & Gipping	48	49	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Old Newton Village Hall	MOLD	Old Newton with Dagworth	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Haughley, Stowupland & Wetherden	Upper Gipping	Upper Gipping	Old Newton with Dagworth & Gipping	903	923	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Palgrave Community Centre	MPAL	Palgrave	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Palgrave	Hartismere	Hartismere	Palgrave	756	773	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Palgrave Community Centre	MSTU	Stuston	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Palgrave	Hartismere	Hartismere	Stuston	165	169	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	Endorses use of Community Centre but is concerned about the accessibility and parking at the temporary place during the Diss & District NPR			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Alternative polling place uses are a sole consequence of polling place unavailability outside of longstanding election bookings.	
Redgrave - All Saints Church	MRDG	Redgrave	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Rickinghall	Hartismere	Hartismere	Redgrave	467	477	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Rickinghall Village Hall	MRIN	Rickinghall Inferior	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Rickinghall	Hartismere	Hartismere	Rickinghall Inferior & Rickinghall Superior	373	381	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Rickinghall Village Hall	MRSU	Rickinghall Superior	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Rickinghall	Hartismere	Hartismere	Rickinghall Inferior & Rickinghall Superior	659	674	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Stoke Ash Village Hall	MSTK	Stoke Ash	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Palgrave	Upper Gipping	Upper Gipping	Stoke Ash & Thwaite	178	182	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	The Parish Council endorses no change			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Stoke Ash Village Hall	MTWT	Thwaite	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Palgrave	Upper Gipping	Upper Gipping	Stoke Ash & Thwaite	125	128	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	The Parish Council endorses no change			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Stowupland Village Hall	MSUP	Stowupland	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Haughley, Stowupland & Wetherden	Stowmarket North & Stowupland	Upper Gipping	Stowupland	1855	1896	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		Closed for refurbishment in 2024 - Temporary polling place United reform Church.		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Temporary use of the United reform Church until refurbishments have been carried out.	
Stradbroke Sports & Community Centre, Club Room	MSTR	Stradbroke	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Stradbroke & Laxfield	Hoxne & Eye	Hoxne & Eye	Stradbroke	1222	1249	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Syleham Village Hall	MSYL	Syleham	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Fressingfield	Hoxne & Eye	Hoxne & Eye	Syleham	165	169	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Thorndon Village Hall	MBSR	Braiseworth	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Palgrave	Upper Gipping	Hoxne & Eye	Braiseworth	64	65	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Thorndon Village Hall	MTHO	Thorndon	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Mendlesham	Upper Gipping	Upper Gipping	Thorndon	625	639	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Thornham Parish Hall	MTMA	Thornham Magna	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Gislingham	Hartismere	Hartismere	Thornham Magna	142	145	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Thornham Parish Hall	MTPA	Thornham Parva	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Gislingham	Hartismere	Hartismere	Thornham Parva	43	44	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Thrandeston Village Hall	MTHR	Thrandeston	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Palgrave	Hartismere	Hartismere	Thrandeston	114	117	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident endorses no change.		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Walsham-le-Willows Memorial Hall	MWAL	Walsham-le-Willows	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Walsham-le-Willows	Hartismere	Hartismere	Walsham-le-Willows	1038	1061	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		2 residents endorses no change.		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	

Wattisfield Community Centre	MWAT	Wattisfield	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Walsham-le-Willows	Hartismere	Hartismere	Wattisfield	407	416	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Westhorpe Village Hall	MFIN	Finningham	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Bacton	Thedwastre North	Hartismere	Finningham	384	393	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Westhorpe Village Hall	MWES	Westhorpe	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Bacton	Thedwastre North	Thedwastre North	Westhorpe	159	163	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	The Parish Council endorses no change			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Wetherden Village Hall	MWDE	Wetherden	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Haughley, Stowupland & Wetherden	Upper Gipping	Upper Gipping	Wetherden	466	476	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Wetheringsett Village Hall	MWCB	Wetheringsett-cum-Brockford	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Mendlesham	Upper Gipping	Thredling	Wetheringsett-cum-Broc	577	590	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	The Parish Council endorses no change			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Weybread Village Hall	MWEY	Weybread	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Fressingfield	Hoxne & Eye	Hoxne & Eye	Weybread	345	353	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Wickham Skeith Village Hall	MWIC	Wickham Skeith	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Gislingham	Upper Gipping	Upper Gipping	Wickham Skeith	259	265	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Wilby - Coronation Hall	MWBY	Wilby	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Stradbroke & Laxfield	Hoxne & Eye	Hoxne & Eye	Wilby	231	236	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Wingfield Barns	MWNG	Wingfield	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Fressingfield	Hoxne & Eye	Hoxne & Eye	Wingfield	264	270	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Worlingworth Community Centre	MSOU	Southolt	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Hoxne & Worlingworth	Thredling	Thredling	Southolt	54	55	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Worlingworth Community Centre	MTAN	Tannington	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Stradbroke & Laxfield	Thredling	Thredling	Tannington	82	84	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Worlingworth Community Centre	MWRL	Worlingworth	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Hoxne & Worlingworth	Thredling	Thredling	Worlingworth	672	687	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Worham Village Hall	MBUR	Burgate	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Gislingham	Hartismere	Hartismere	Worham & Burgate	140	143	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Worham Village Hall	MWRT	Worham	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Gislingham	Hartismere	Hartismere	Worham & Burgate	634	648	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Wyverstone Village Hall	MWVY	Wyverstone	Mid Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	Waveney Valley	Bacton	Thedwastre North	Thedwastre North	Wyverstone	306	313	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	Parish Council endorses no change			Other Comments on Polling Station		-		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	Meets reasonable requirements	
Yaxley Community Centre	MYAX	Yaxley	Mid Suffolk	Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Waveney Valley	Palgrave	Hartismere	Hartismere	Yaxley	474	485	No Change Necessary
Parish Council/ District Councillor Comments	-			Other Comments on Polling Station		1 resident endorses no change but raised adequate lighting as an issue 1 organisation endorses no change		Proposed Future Assigned Polling Place	No Change	Explanatory notes	An allocation of additional lighting provisions will be reviewed for the location.	

Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)

Appendix B

The characteristics protected by the Equality Act 2010 are:

Disability	Age	Sex (gender)
Gender reassignment	Marriage/civil partnership	Pregnancy/maternity
Race	Sexual orientation	Religion/belief

By law the council must have due regard to the need to:

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act.
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

In effect, this means that the council needs to ensure that our policies and services are fair, equitable and proportionate and where possible mitigate against any adverse impacts on people from the different protected characteristics.

In addition to the above protected characteristics, the council should consider the impact of living in a **rural area** as part of this assessment. Where people live is not a characteristic protected by law, but for an organisation such as Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils it is good practice to consider carefully how location may affect people’s experience of a policy or service.

The Rural-Urban definition defines the rurality of very small census-based geographies. Census Output Areas forming settlements with populations of over 10,000 (which are urban), while the remainder are defined as one of three rural types: *town and fringe, village or hamlet and dispersed*.

Details	
Service or policy title	Law and Governance
Lead officer	Patrick Richardson-Todd
Officers carrying out the EQIA	Patrick Richardson-Todd
Is this new or a revision?)	Revision
Is this the first time this policy or function has been assessed?	no
Date of completing this EQIA	January 10 th 2024

Description
<p>What exactly is proposed?</p> <p>Review of Polling Places and Polling Districts</p>
<p>Why?</p> <p>Every four years local authorities are required to review its UK parliamentary polling districts and polling places. The proposed changes to the polling districts and polling places have also taken into account the changes to Babergh and Mid Suffolk’s District Council’s ward boundaries made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.</p>
<p>What will the effect of the changes be?</p> <p>To ensure that all polling stations, polling places and polling districts are suitable for all types of elections in the future and that they comply with the requirements of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013.</p>

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<p>How will it be implemented?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of Review 6th October 2023 • Formal Notice of Review published • Notification sent to all interested parties • Acting Returning officer representations published • General Consultation ends 30th November 2023 • Report to Councils 23rd and 25th January 2024 • New boundaries, polling places and polling districts implemented on register 1st February 2024
<p>When is it due to start?</p> <p>Changes to take effect 2nd May 2024</p>

<p>Data about the population</p> <p>What is the demographic profile or make up of the community you are serving? https://www.suffolkobservatory.info/</p> <p>What is the profile or make up of your service users by protected characteristics?</p> <p>Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils face a number of challenges relating to electoral engagement. The largest of these is the far lower propensity of some (largely urban) wards to turn out to vote during elections. These wards tend to contain higher proportions of people disadvantaged by class, unemployment, high levels of rental accommodation, lack of qualifications and general relative socio-economic deprivation. They also tend to contain a large proportion of young people and homemovers, ethnic minorities, residents with countries of birth outside of the U.K., those with low levels of English language proficiency and disabled people. This is probably related to the very low representation of all of these groups, as well as of women, as elected public officials (whether Councillors or MPs) in the Babergh and Mid Suffolk area.</p> <p>All wards have a significant number of their population between the ages of 16-19, who will soon be eligible to vote and who must be targeted in order to ensure that they are registered to vote in any elections that occur when they are of voting age. The Council should continue to gather data on wards with low levels of voting rates, in order to determine whether the designated polling stations are causing any challenges to these groups of people or whether the underlying social factors (such as remoteness, poor Wi-Fi coverage combined with high levels of younger people) that are driving this.</p>

<p>Implications for communities and workforce</p>	
<p>Disability</p>	
<p>What is the impact on people with a disability (including children with additional needs) and what evidence do you have? <i>(If you do not believe there is any impact describe why not)</i></p>	<p>Accessible polling stations.</p> <p>Correspondence from Suffolk Sight CIO has been received requesting that large print access be available for postal voters. The Elections Team will look into the inclusion of this provision/ clear signposting to access this provision, mirroring the provisions at polling places.</p>
<p>How does it have a positive or negative impact?</p>	<p>positive</p>

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What could be done to mitigate any adverse impact or further promote positive impact?	<p>Polling stations are chosen where possible that are fully DDA compliant.</p> <p>Disability forums are consulted when considering polling district and polling places reviews.</p> <p>Alternative voting arrangements are available- postal and proxy votes. Waivers can also be applied to this process where a consistent signature can no longer be provided.</p> <p>Additional assistance provided in polling stations if required – Large print ballot papers, magnifiers, tactile devices, procedure for PO or companions to assist voters</p>
Age	
What is the impact on people of different ages and what evidence do you have? <i>(If you do not believe there is any impact describe why not)</i>	<p>Only persons aged 18 years and over are legally entitled to vote. However, 16/17-year-olds can register so that they will appear on the register and automatically be entitled to vote from their 18th birthday.</p> <p>Elderly people may have mobility issues.</p>
How does it have a positive or negative impact?	No known impact
What could be done to mitigate any adverse impact or further promote positive impact?	<p>Social media campaigns should be run to promote voting options.</p> <p>Alternative voting arrangements are available- postal and proxy votes. Waivers can also be applied to this process where a consistent signature can no longer be provided.</p> <p>Additional assistance can be provided at the polling station if required.</p>
Sex (gender)	
What is the impact on people of different genders and what evidence do you have? <i>(If you do not believe there is any impact describe why not)</i>	No known impact
How does it have a positive or negative impact?	No known impact
What could be done to mitigate any adverse impact or further promote positive impact?	n/a
Gender reassignment	
What is the impact on people who have undergone gender reassignment (i.e. transgender people) and what evidence do you have? <i>(If you do not believe there is any impact describe why not)</i>	No known impact
How does it have a positive or negative impact?	No known impact
What could be done to mitigate any adverse impact or further promote positive impact?	n/a
Marriage/civil partnership	
What is the impact on people who are married or in a civil partnership and what evidence do you have? <i>(If you do not believe there is any impact describe why not)</i>	No known impact
How does it have a positive or negative impact?	No known impact
What could be done to mitigate any adverse impact or further promote positive impact?	n/a

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Pregnancy/maternity	
What is the impact on people who are pregnant women or those with a young child and what evidence do you have? <i>(If you do not believe there is any impact describe why not)</i>	Risk assessment undertaken with pregnant polling station staff to mitigate risks
How does it have a positive or negative impact?	No known Impact
What could be done to mitigate any adverse impact or further promote positive impact?	Postal Voting is a proffered service
Race	
What is the impact on people from different races or ethnic groups and what evidence do you have? <i>(If you do not believe there is any impact describe why not)</i>	No known impact
How does it have a positive or negative impact?	No known impact
What could be done to mitigate any adverse impact or further promote positive impact?	n/a
Sexual orientation	
What is the impact on people according to their sexual orientation and what evidence do you have? <i>(If you do not believe there is any impact describe why not)</i>	No known impact
How does it have a positive or negative impact?	No known impact
What could be done to mitigate any adverse impact or further promote positive impact?	n/a
Religion/belief	
What is the impact on people according to their religion or belief and what evidence do you have? <i>(If you do not believe there is any impact describe why not)</i>	Choice of venue (i.e. Church Halls) may deter members of certain communities from attending polling stations.
How does it have a positive or negative impact?	Negative
What could be done to mitigate any adverse impact or further promote positive impact?	The use of religious buildings is limited and only used when there is no other alternative accommodation. This is reviewed regularly, and alternative provision sought where practicable. Alternative voting arrangements are available- postal and proxy votes
Rurality	
Where people live is not a characteristic protected by law: but for Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils it is good practice to consider carefully how location may affect people's experience of a policy or service.	
What is the impact on people according to whether they live in an urban or rural environment and what evidence do you have? <i>(If you do not believe there is any impact describe why not)</i>	Rural isolation is an issue in some areas. The Elections team ensure that the availability of polling stations are in as close proximity as possible.
How does it have a positive or negative impact?	yes

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What could be done to mitigate any adverse impact or further promote positive impact?	Alternative voting arrangements available – Postal/Proxy.
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Making Decisions	
Having completed this equality impact assessment indicate which decision is recommended to be taken.	
Should the policy or service be implemented as the correct course of action?	That the recommendations in the report are implemented
Should the policy or service be amended as suggested by the report so that mitigating actions are taken to address an adverse or negative impact on any characteristic?	Mitigations have already been put in place
Should the policy or service be reviewed and revised more significantly to take into account its impact on different groups?	The Policy is reviewed regularly
Should the policy or service not be actioned as there are too many negative impacts?	no

Monitoring Impact	
Assessing the impact on equality is an ongoing process that does not end once a policy or service had been agreed or implemented.	
How frequently will the policy or service be reviewed?	Legislative requirement every 5 years.
Who will be involved?	Members, district, town and parish councils. Acting returning officers, MP's, members of the public and disability groups
Will there need to be an action plan completed for any amendments?	No
What further evidence or consultation will be needed to check that the policy or service is working well?	The next review will be undertaken in 2028

Completion	
Authors signature	<i>Patrick Richardson-Todd</i>
Date of completion	10/01/2024

Additional sources of data:

<http://www.suffolkobservatory.info/Default.aspx>

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<http://suffolkcf.org.uk/publications/hidden-needs-2016/>

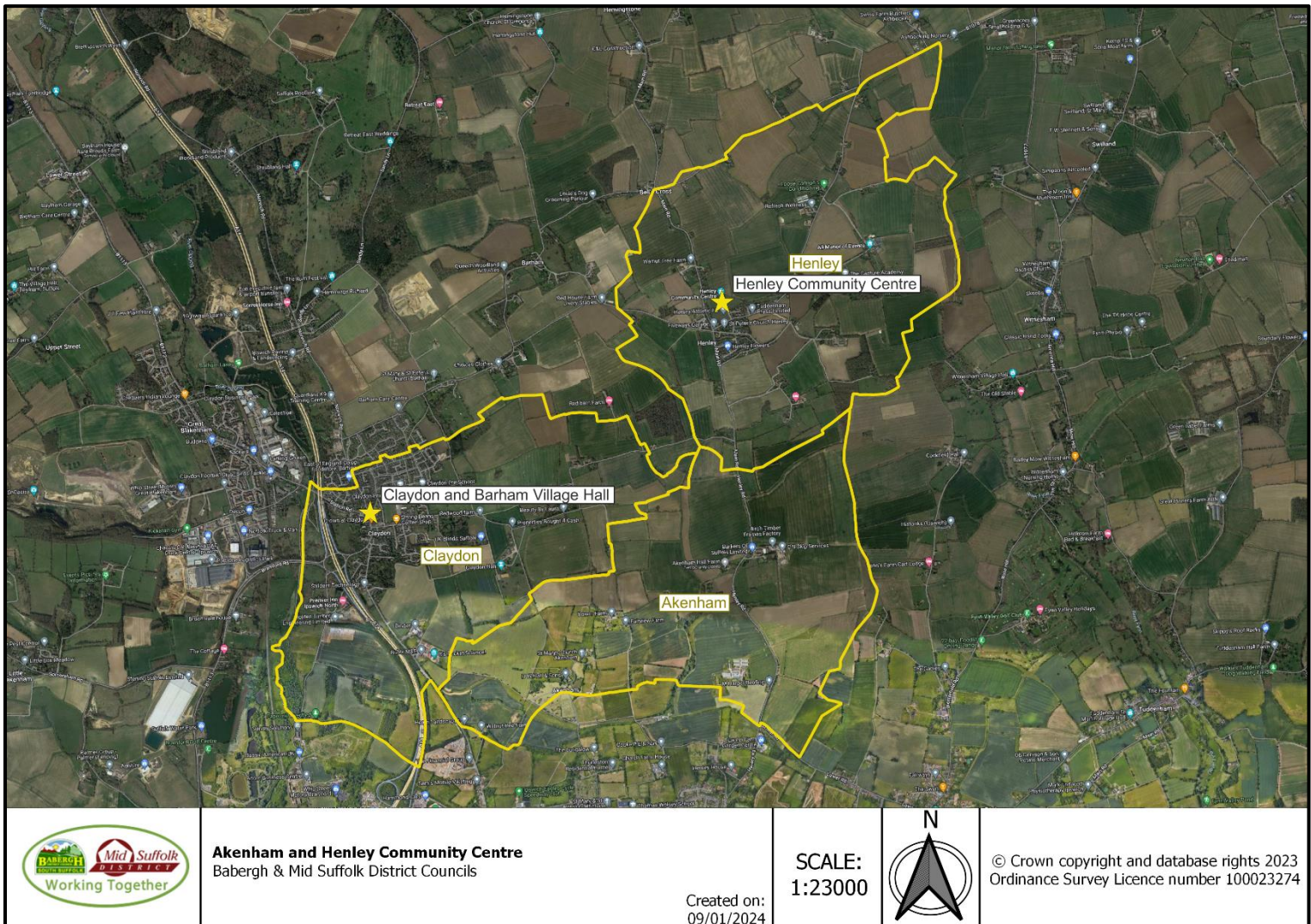
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Proposed changes:

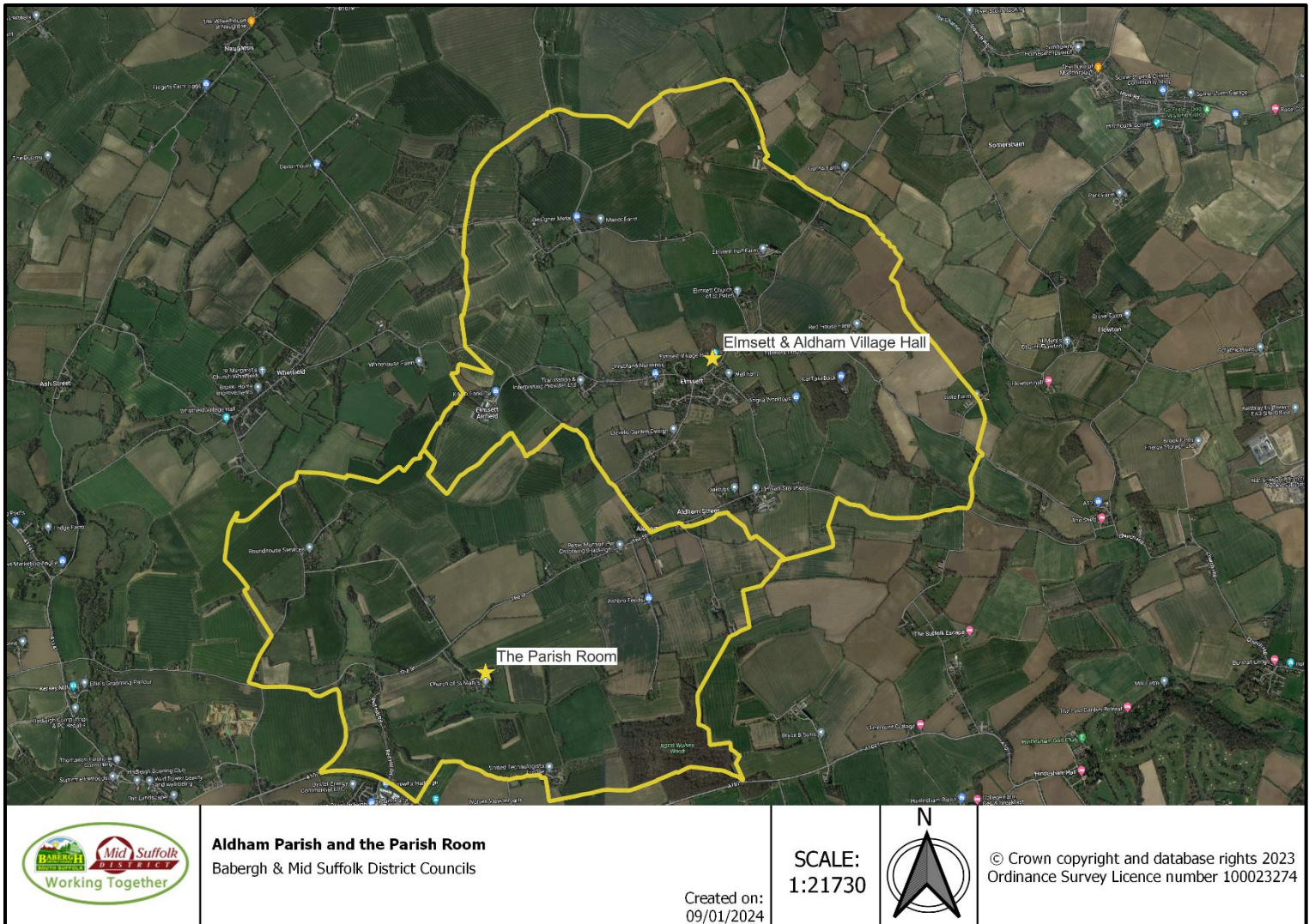
1. Akenham



- 1.1. Proposed change: From Claydon and Barham Village Hall to Henley Community Centre
- 1.2. Akenham have consulted with the District to ensure that electors are suitably able to vote.
- 1.3. Their previous voting place at Claydon and Barham Village Hall featured extended vehicular travel with no direct route.
- 1.4. The new location at Henley Community Centre is more convenient and endorsed by the Ward Councillor.
- 1.5. This location is already being utilised by the District so bears no additional burdens.

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2. Aldham

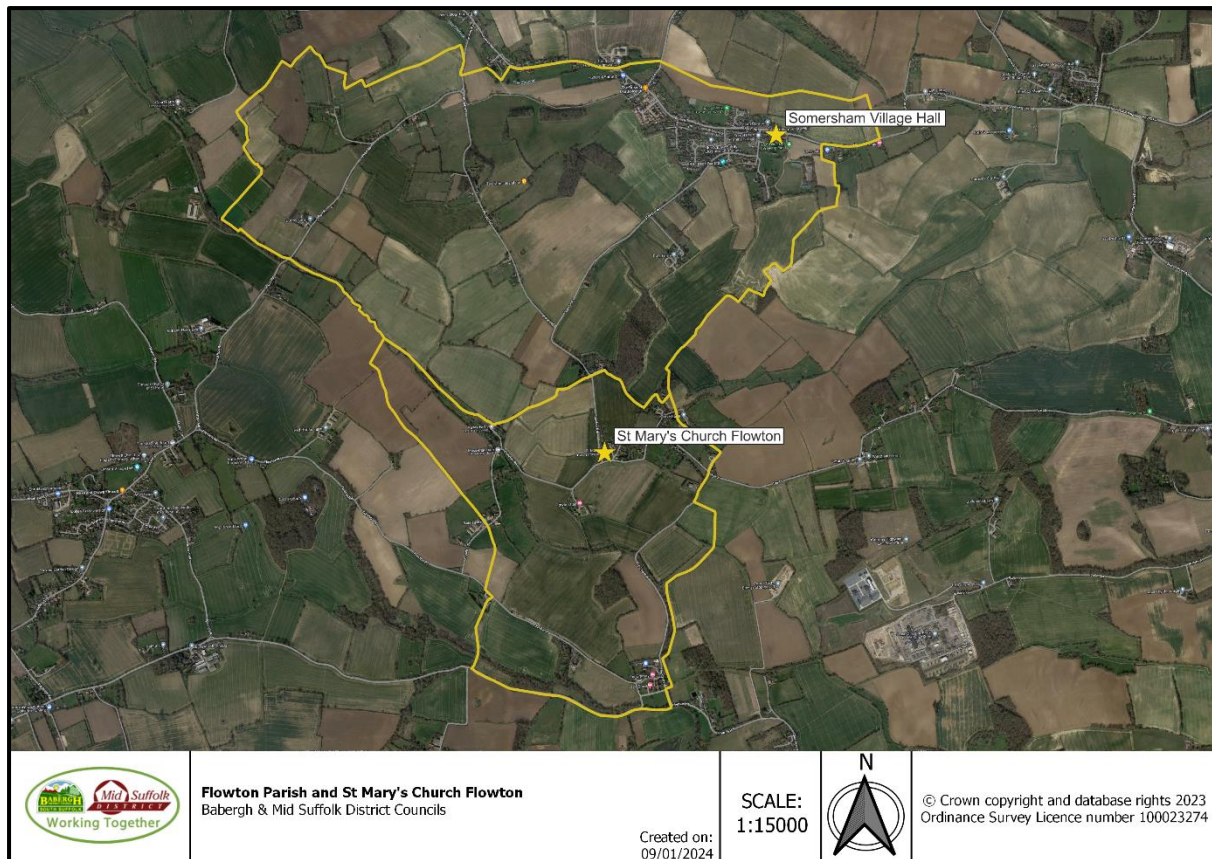


- 2.1. Proposed *Trial* change: From Elmsett & Aldham Village Hall to The Parish Room at St Mary's Church Aldham.
- 2.2. Aldham have consulted with the District to ensure that electors are suitably able to vote.
- 2.3. Their previous voting place at Elmsett & Aldham Village Hall was considered to be some distance from the electorate.
- 2.4. The new location at The Parish Room was previously used as a polling place for Aldham, however the amenities for Polling Staff and Electors was questioned. The Parish will assist the District in reoperating the Polling place for the upcoming Police & Crime Commissioner Election in May, and a review will be held thereafter to reconsider the Polling place in practise for future elections.
- 2.5. The Ward Councillor was consulted and weighed towards the views of the parishioners.
- 2.6. This location would be an additional location and bears some additional new burdens and provisions the District must be aware of.



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3. Flowton



- 3.1. Proposed *Trial* change: From Somersham Village Hall to St Mary's Church Flowton.
- 3.2. Flowton have consulted with the District to ensure that electors are suitably able to vote.
- 3.3. Their previous voting place at Somersham Village Hall was considered to be some distance from the electorate, down a narrow, winding, and hazardous (under adverse weather conditions) road.
- 3.4. The new location at St Mary's Church was previously used as a polling place for Flowton, however the amenities for Polling Staff and Electors was previously in question. The Church has recently undergone renovations providing disabled-friendly facilities, including toilet and kitchen area. The Parish will assist the District in reoperating the Polling place for the upcoming Police & Crime Commissioner Election in May, and a review will be held thereafter to reconsider the Polling place in practise for future elections.
- 3.5. The Ward Councillor was consulted and favours changes to enfranchise parishioners.
- 3.6. This location would be an additional location and bears some additional new burdens and provisions the District must be aware of.



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4. Kenton

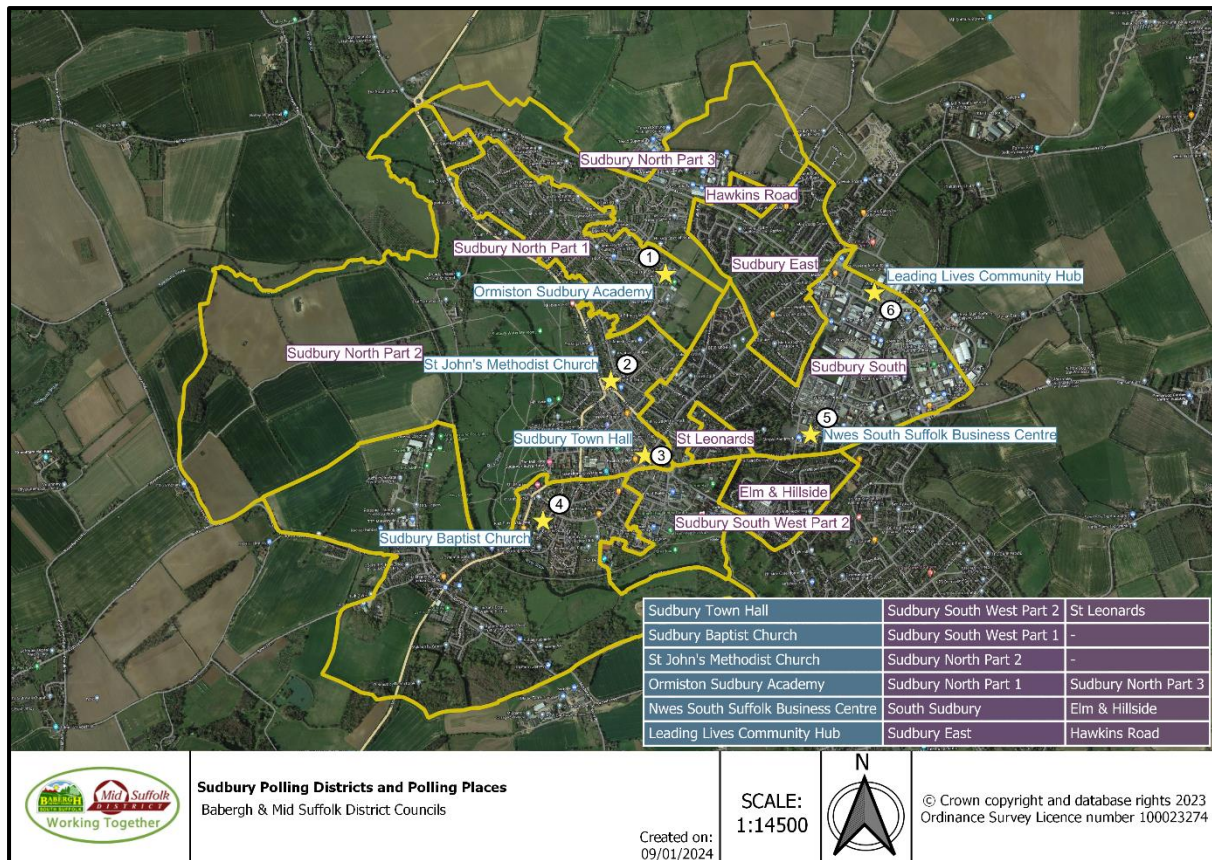


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- 4.1. Proposed change: From Dove Cottage Debenham to Bedingfield Village Hall.
- 4.2. Kenton have consulted with the District to ensure that electors are able to vote at their desired location.
- 4.3. Their previous voting place at Dove Cottage was considered to have been allocated without consultation and that the original change from their historic caravan use was to Bedingfield Village Hall. This change is thus a restorative change to re-empower the parishioners.
- 4.4. This location is already being utilised by the District so bears no additional burdens.

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5. Sudbury



5.1. Proposed changes: **St Leonards** from Elizabeth Court to Sudbury Town Hall.

5.1.1. As the District is closing use of Elizabeth Court as a polling place, the Town Hall is the closest alternative.

5.1.2. Sudbury Town Hall is already utilised as a Polling place, so it reflects no additional burdens.

5.2. Proposed changes: **Sudbury East** and **Hawkins Road** from the Ormiston Sudbury Academy to Leading Lives Community Hub.

5.2.1. The electorate and representatives have requested a change of venue, the Leading Lives Community Hub has been newly established to meet this need.

5.2.2. This location would be an additional location and bears some additional new burdens and provisions the District must be aware of.

5.3. Proposed changes: **Sudbury South** and **Elm & Hillside** from Elizabeth Court and Sudbury Town Hall (respectively) to Nwes South Suffolk Business Centre.

5.3.1. Both Polling Districts have been consulted to have had extended distances to their previous Polling places.

5.3.2. Nwes South Suffolk Business Centre is a newly established Polling place. This represents a transfer from the closing a previous Polling place, however, the cost burdens will be higher as the place is a private venue as opposed to the previous Council owned venue.

5.3.3. The new Polling place is centrally located for both Polling districts and is considered a better fit.

5.4. Sudbury Town Council and the Ward Councillors for Sudbury North East and Sudbury South East were consulted and have endorsed the changes.

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Agenda Item 11

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: Council	REPORT NUMBER: BC/23/34
FROM: Chief Executive	DATE OF MEETING: 23 January 2024
OFFICER: Janice Robinson, Interim Monitoring Officer	

DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report details the decisions taken by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of the Council using their delegated powers.
- 1.2 The Chief Executive is required by the Constitution to report these decisions to Council meetings under Part 2 of the Constitution.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Council notes the decision taken under delegated powers by the Chief Executive as detailed in Appendix A.

REASON FOR DECISION

Under Part 2 of the Constitution, Delegations to Officers, Paragraph 7.2 the decision must be reported Council.

3. KEY INFORMATION

- 3.1 Detailed in Appendix A.

4. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE PLAN

- 4.1 N/A

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Detailed in Appendix A.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 To comply with the Councils Constitution.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 Key risks are set out below:

Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation Measures
That the urgent decisions taken in Appendix A taken under delegated powers do not follow the Council's Constitutional Decision process thereby making them unlawful and open to challenge.	Unlikely (2)	Noticeable (2)	To follow the Constitutional decision process

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 N/A

9. EQUALITY ANALYSIS

9.1 N/A

10. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 N/A

11. APPENDICES

Title	Location
(A) BDC – List of Decisions taken by the Chief Executive under Delegated Powers	Attached

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

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Decision Reference	Decision	Date Published
BDC-0024	<u>Decision - BDC Urgent Action -Flood recovery framework – Storm Babet 19th – 25th October 2023 : Babergh District Council</u>	24/11/2023

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