

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE , HADLEIGH ON TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2017

PRESENT

Peter Burgoyne - Chairman

Clive Arthey	Jennie Jenkins
Sue Ayres	Richard Kemp
Melanie Barrett	Frank Lawrenson
Simon Barrett	James Long
Tony Bavington	Margaret Maybury
Peter Beer	Alastair McCraw
Sue Burgoyne	Mark Newman
Dave Busby	Adrian Osborne
Tina Campbell	Jan Osborne
Michael Creffield	Lee Parker
Derek Davis	Peter Patrick
Siân Dawson	Stephen Plumb
Alan Ferguson	Nick Ridley
Barry Gasper	David Rose
Kathryn Grandon	William Shropshire
John Hinton	Ray Smith
David Holland	John Ward
Michael Holt	

The following Members were unable to be present:-

Tom Burrows, Sue Carpendale, Bryn Hurren, John Nunn, Harriet Steer, Fenella Swan and Stephen Williams

105 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

106 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

107 PAPER S130 - CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman referred to Paper S130 outlining recent events attended by him.

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

None received.

109 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

None received.

110 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

None received.

111 JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT

Councillor Mark Newman circulated notes of the Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting held 19 April 2017 and summarised the main areas covered, as set out below.

Following on from the previous meeting's consideration of the current methods of engaging with our communities, two representatives from the Tenants Forum and one from Suffolk Food Hall gave feedback on their experiences of dealing with the Council. The Committee asked Mike Evans to convey their comments to the Senior Leadership Team with a view to sharing the good points across the organisation, but also to discuss the cultural changes which would help to ensure that the less positive experiences can be addressed. Members also asked for an update to the future Scrutiny Committees on progress in six months' time.

Jon Seed, Corporate Manager – Policy and Strategy (Health and Wellbeing) and Heather Worton, Corporate Manager – Property Services updated Members on the role played by the Councils in tackling delayed transfer of care from hospitals. The main conclusions were that we are working with our partners to help prevent admissions to hospital, and that very few patients are prevented from returning home because of delays in making adaptations to their properties. This work is given a high priority and only affects a very small number of patients.

Members accepted the recommendations of the Task and Finish group which looked at neighbourhood plans, as set out in Paper JSC/16/16, and agreed the contents of the Annual Report to be made to the May Council meetings.

As the outgoing Babergh Chairman of the current Joint Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Newman thanked the Committee Members and officers for their support.

112 PAPER S131 - PAY POLICY STATEMENT FOR 2017/18

Peter Patrick, Enabled and Efficient Organisation Portfolio, introduced Paper S131 setting out the Council's Pay Policy for 2017/18 and seeking Member approval of the Pay Policy Statement attached to the report as Appendix A. The Assistant Director – Corporate Resources responded to questions on the detail of the Policy.

RESOLVED

That the Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18 attached as Appendix A to Paper S131 be approved.

113 PAPER S132 - ADOPTION OF REVISED CONSTITUTION

Jennie Jenkins, Leader of the Council, introduced the report of the Monitoring Officer (Paper S131) seeking Member approval to a revised Constitution to reflect the Council's previous decision to implement the leader-cabinet model of governance. Members were aware that the Schedule of Amendments (Appendix A to Paper S131) detailed the necessary changes and that the revised document referred to as Appendix B to the report would be fully formatted prior to its publication.

114 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC (WHICH TERM INCLUDES THE PRESS)

RESOLVED

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

The Committee was also satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

115 PAPER S133R - CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND COMPANY (Exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1)

The Minute relating to Paper S133R is excluded from the public record. A summary of the Minute made by the Proper Officer in accordance with sub-section 2 of Section 100(c) of the Local Government Act 1972 is set out below.

Members had before them Paper S133 circulated with the agenda for the meeting, which had been the subject of some minor amendments as contained in Paper S133R, but which did not affect the substance of the report. A revised Appendix 4 to the report (Risk Register) was circulated to Members prior to their consideration of this item.

Louise Rawsthorne – Assistant Director, Investment and Commercial Delivery and Ian Winslet – Investment Consultant gave a power point presentation and answered questions from Members on various aspects of the proposed governance and other arrangements for the incorporated structure (CIFCO Ltd). Jennie Jenkins, Assets and Investment Portfolio, proposed the recommendations in the report, which were approved by the Council.

Note: Councillor Melanie Barrett left the meeting at 6.40 p.m. and was not present when the vote was taken on this item.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 7.00 p.m.

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Chairman