

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2015

PRESENT: Nick Ridley – Chairman

Clive Arthey	Bryn Hurren
Sue Ayres	Jennie Jenkins
Melanie Barrett	James Long
Simon Barrett	Margaret Maybury
Tony Bavington	Alastair McCraw
Peter Beer	Mark Newman
Peter Burgoyne	John Nunn
Sue Burgoyne	Jan Osborne
Tom Burrows	Lee Parker
Dave Busby	Peter Patrick
Tina Campbell	David Rose
Sue Carpendale	Ray Smith
Michael Creffield	Harriet Steer
Derek Davis	Fenella Swan
Barry Gasper	John Ward
Kathryn Grandon	Stephen Williams
David Holland	

The following Members were unable to be present:

Siân Dawson, Alan Ferguson, John Hinton, Michael Holt, Richard Kemp, Frank Lawrenson, Adrian Osborne, Stephen Plumb and William Shropshire.

49 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There were no questions or statements from the public.

50 MINUTES

The reference in Minute No 45 (22 September) to the Suffolk position regarding an elected Mayor was queried but Members concluded that no amendment was required.

With regard to Minute No 46, Members agreed that the numerical result of the ballot should be recorded.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to the following wording being added to Minute No 46:

The votes cast were as follows:

Simon Barrett	24 votes
Tony Bavington	16 votes
Abstentions	<u>2</u>
Total	42

51 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

52 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND/OR LEADER

The Chairman referred to [Paper R56](#) outlining recent events attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

53 PETITIONS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 14, the Chief Executive reported the receipt of a petition as detailed below:-

Offer to home 10 refugee families

Petition signed by approximately 26 residents of Babergh requesting the Council to make preparations to make Syrian refugees welcome in Babergh and to make a direct offer to central Government to provide accommodation for 10 refugee families.

It was confirmed that Suffolk County Council was leading on this matter, through the Suffolk Public Sector Leaders Group. The petition organiser would be advised further in relation to this process.

54 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Mid-Year Report on Treasury Management 2015/16 (Joint Audit and Standards Committee – 19 October 2015)

John Ward, Vice-Chairman of the Joint Audit and Standards Committee, introduced the Committee's recommendation to note the Treasury Management activity for the first six months of year 2015/16, as set out in [Paper JAC62](#).

John Moyles, Interim Corporate Manager – Financial Services, drew Members' attention to errors on page 2 in Appendix D (table in paragraph 1.4). Peak borrowing figures to 30/09/15 should have had decimal points instead of commas and should read £87.797m and £87.183m for BDC and MSDC respectively, and on page 2 in Appendix C (table in paragraph 1.5) where the stated figures for the budget and outturn should be in pounds and not thousands.

In response to a question, the Interim Corporate Manager informed Members that the investment with the CCLA Local Authorities Property Fund had produced a good outcome to date. He also confirmed that details of the investment with Funding Circle were being finalised and decisions should be made in early November. Members were aware that such investment did not affect the Council's house building priorities.

RESOLVED

That it be noted that Treasury Management activity for the first six months of 2015/16 was in accordance with the approved Treasury Management Strategy and that both Councils have complied with all Prudential Indicators for this period.

Note:

It is a requirement of the Code of Practice on Treasury Management that Full Council notes the Mid Year position.

55 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None received.

56 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

57 CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS

Jennie Jenkins, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, introduced [Paper R57](#), asking Members to approve revised Contract Standing Orders. Rachel Hodson-Gibbons, Corporate Manager – Commissioning, drew Members’ attention to the consequential amendment to Financial Regulations referred to in paragraph 10.4 of the report.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the revised Contract Standing Orders as detailed in Appendix A to Paper R57 be approved.**
- (2) That the second bullet point in A12 of the Councils’ Financial Regulations be amended to read as follows:**

“Signing contracts in relation to their specific areas on behalf of the authority in accordance with the Procurement Scheme of Delegation”.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 5.45 p.m.

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Chairman