

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BABERGH CABINET HELD IN ON THURSDAY,  
9 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 9:30AM

PRESENT: Jennie Jenkins - Chairman

Tina Campbell  
Jan Osborne  
John Ward

Margaret Maybury  
Lee Parker

53 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

54 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS

None declared.

55 BCA/17/26 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13  
OCTOBER 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

56 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
COUNCIL'S PETITION SCHEME

None received.

57 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

None received.

58 MATTERS REFERRED BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OR JOINT AUDIT  
AND STANDARDS COMMITTEES

Cabinet noted the resolution made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and it was proposed by Councillor Osborne and seconded by Councillor Ward that the report on "Future Options for Working Together" be referred to Full Council.

By a unanimous vote:

**It was RESOLVED:**

- (1) The report "Future Options for Working Together" be referred to Full Council.

59 BCA/17/27 FORTHCOMING DECISIONS LIST

The report was discussed and the following comment made:

- Although it was noted a Task and Finish Panel had been set up a date was required as to when it would come before Cabinet in respect of the Public Realm work.

60 BCA/17/28 - HALF YEARLY SIGNIFICANT RISK REGISTER UPDATE

- 60.1 Councillor Jenkins, the Leader of the Council, in the absence of the Cabinet Member for Organisational Delivery, introduced report BCa/17/28 and moved the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Osborne.
- 60.2 Some concerns were raised on the risks listed in Appendix A. These included why the scoring for Sudbury and Stowmarket differed in 2b and 2c, the process for the new risk in 5a, whether Building Services were keeping an eye on void times, why the colour blue was used to indicate a high risk, the evidence on the financial position not being strong and concern as to whether planning development was coming forward in a timely way.
- 60.3 Councillor Jenkins, with the help of the Corporate Manager for Internal Audit explained appropriate adjustments would be made, i.e. the scoring should be the same for Sudbury and Stowmarket. It was a moving document, the aim for void times would be less than 10 days, the colouring system which indicated high risk would be amended and a range of activities completed in respect of developers.
- 60.4 It was noted much work had gone into producing the document but it was work in progress. Councillors were encouraged to see the Corporate Manager for Internal Audit and his team if there were any queries.

By a unanimous vote:

**It was RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That assurance of the work of the Audit and Risk Management Services team had been received and the contents of the Significant Risk Register approved.

**Reason for decision:** To summarise the work of the Audit and Risk Management Services Team during the first half of 2017/18 and highlight its activities to promote and embed risk management across the Councils.

61 BCA/17/29 - "PLANNING FOR THE RIGHT HOMES IN THE RIGHT PLACES" CONSULTATION PROPOSALS

- 61.1 Councillor Parker, the Cabinet Member for Planning introduced report BCa/17/29 and moved the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Osborne. Councillor Parker explained an additional response had been added following the Mid Suffolk Cabinet meeting.
- 61.2 Councillors considered the key would be having the right homes in the right location.

61.3 Work would continue with community engagement. The Cabinet Member with responsibility for Planning considered the way forward would be developing Neighbourhood Plans of which assistance was available from the Council.

By a unanimous vote:

**It was RESOLVED: -**

(1) That the content and potential implications of the Government's Consultation titled "Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places Consultation Proposals" and accompanying documents be noted.

(2) That, subject to a more robust response being included in paragraph 12.13 of the report the response to the consultation be endorsed.

**Reason for Decisions:** To ensure Cabinet were aware of the content and potential implications of the Government's consultation titled "Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places: Consultation Proposals" and accompanying documents.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10:20am

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Chairman