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TO: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF  
BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

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16 February 2015

## PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Babergh District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Corks Lane, Hadleigh on **Tuesday, 24 February 2015 at 9.30 a.m.**

For those wishing to attend, prayers will be said at 9.25 a.m. prior to the commencement of the Council meeting.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Hunkin  
Strategic Director (Corporate)

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**Head of Corporate Organisation:** Peter Quirk, **Head of Corporate Resources:** Katherine Steel  
**Chief Finance Officers (S151):** Katherine Steel (Mid Suffolk), Barry Hunter (Babergh), **Monitoring Officer:** Esther Thornton

**PART I****1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Members of the public are able to ask a question or make a statement during this item – please refer to the ‘Guide to the Procedure’ – copy available on request.

Prior written notice of the intention to speak must be given to the Monitoring Officer by no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, 19 February 2015 (two clear working days before the meeting).

**2 MINUTES**

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on [16 December 2014](#) as a correct record (copy attached).

**3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members to declare any interests as appropriate in respect of items to be considered at this meeting.

**4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

**5 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

[Paper P106](#)

In addition to any announcements made at the meeting, please see [Paper P106](#) attached, detailing events attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

**6 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 14**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rules, the Chief Executive will report the receipt of a petition as detailed below. There can be no debate or comment upon these matters at the Council meeting.

Planning Application No. B/14/01462 - erection of detached one and a half storey dwelling and detached two bay cartlodge/garage, land south of Deepside, Queens Close, Sudbury

Petition signed by approximately 32 residents of Babergh objecting to the proposal. The petition was reported to the Planning Committee on 11 February 2015 and will be taken into account when the application is determined at a future meeting of the Committee.

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7 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Joint Treasury Management Strategy 2015/16 (Joint Audit and Standards Committee 19 January and Strategy Committee 12 February 2015)

The Strategy Committee accepted recommendations 2.1 and 2.2 (a) to (c) of [Paper P100](#) from the Joint Audit and Standards Committee following its consideration of that report.

The recommendation in 2.2 (d) of [Paper P100](#) was removed from consideration having been addressed under the Budget item, and has therefore been removed from Paper P100R – report from the Head of Corporate Resources (attached).

[Paper P100R](#)

[Paper P100R](#) also incorporates amendments to some tables and appendices which were required for the reasons referred to in Agenda Item 8 below.

8 JOINT MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND 2015/16 BUDGET

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 23.3, immediately after any vote is taken at a budget decision meeting of the Council the names of Members who cast a vote for the decision or against the decision or who abstained from voting shall be recorded in the Minutes of that meeting.

[Paper P107](#)

Report from Management Board attached.

At its meeting on 12 February 2015, Strategy Committee considered [Paper P99](#). Members of the Committee were advised that the limit rent had been notified by the Government on the day of the meeting and an updated business plan was tabled. As a result of this late notification and also receipt of approval for the HRA borrowing cap to be increased, some tables and appendices in both the Budget and Treasury Management reports presented to Strategy Committee have had to be updated before being presented to Council.

[Paper P107](#) now includes all the relevant updated information, together with the necessary recommendations, with the exception of some Parish precept notifications which remain outstanding. Further details will be reported at the meeting.

9 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Chairmen of Committees to answer any questions from the public of which notice has been given no later than midday two clear working days before the day of the meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rules.

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**ITEM****BUSINESS**

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**10 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

The Chairman of the Council, the Chairmen of Committees and Sub-Committees and Lead Members 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 Rules.

**11 RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE**

[Paper P108](#)

Report by the Head of Corporate Organisation attached.

**12 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2015/16**

[Paper P109](#)

Report by the Head of Corporate Organisation attached.

**13 ACTION OUT OF MEETING**

[Paper P110](#)

Paper P110 (attached) details urgent action taken by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairmen of the Council under the delegated powers.

Members are asked to note the action taken.

For further information on any of the Part 1 items listed above, please contact Linda Sheppard on 01473 826610 or via email at [committee.services@babergh.gov.uk](mailto:committee.services@babergh.gov.uk)