

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

L159

RECOMMENDATIONS OF STRATEGY COMMITTEE TO COUNCIL ON THE 2012/13 BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX SETTING

The Localism Act 2011 has made significant changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992, and now requires the billing authority to calculate a Council Tax requirement for the year, not its Budget requirement as previously.

The precept levels of other precepting bodies have been received. These are detailed below:

Town & Parish Councils

The Town & Parish Council Precepts for 2012/13 are detailed in Appendix A1 and total £2,236,311. The increase in the average Band D Council Tax for Town and Parish Councils is 4.6% and results in an average Band D Council Tax figure of £66.61 for 2012/13.

Suffolk County Council

Suffolk County Council met on 9 February 2012 and set their precept at £37,821,262, adjusted by a share of the forecast Collection Fund deficit of £34,599). This results in a Band D Council Tax of £1,126.53 (no increase).

Suffolk Police Authority

Suffolk Police Authority met on 20 February 2012 and set their precept at £5,599,009, adjusted by a share of the forecast Collection Fund deficit of £4,937. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £166.77 (at 3.75%).

Note: this is based on a 3.75% Council Tax increase but the Police Authority is also considering a Council Tax freeze, which would change the above figures.

Council Tax Resolutions

If the formal Council Tax Resolution below is approved, the total Band D Council Tax will be as follows:

	2011/12 £	2012/13 £	Increase
Babergh District Council	139.01	143.86	3.5%
Suffolk County Council	1,126.53	1,126.53	-
Suffolk Police Authority	160.74	166.77	3.75%
Sub-Total	1,426.28	1,437.16	0.8%
Town & Parish Council (average)	63.71	66.61	4.6%
Total	1,489.99	1,503.77	0.9%

- (1) That the Budget for 2012/13 and the associated Policy and Budget Framework information as set out in paper L160, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement, be approved.**
- (2) That the revised General Fund charges referred to in the above are implemented with effect from 1 April 2012**
- (3) That the risk assessment and statement on the adequacy of reserves, as required by Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 is approved.**
- (4) Where expenditure is included within the approved budget, the Section 151 Officer be empowered to:-**
 - Vary the timing of revenue and capital payments from the current financial year to 2012/13 or vice-versa in accordance with Financial Regulations and Council resolutions.**
 - Vary the method of financing capital schemes, if satisfied that it is in the financial interest of the Council to do so.**
- (5) That the Director of Finance be authorised to make any necessary minor amendments to the Policy and Budget Framework and 2012/13 Budget information before it is published.**

6. Council Tax Base

That it be noted that on 05 December 2011 the Director of Finance, under delegated powers, calculated the Council Tax Base for 2012/13

- (a) for the whole Council area as 33,573.24 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
- (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Town or Parish Precept relates as in the attached Appendix A1.

7. Council Tax Requirement

That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2012/13 (excluding Town and Parish Precepts) is £4,829,850

8. Council Tax Calculations

That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2012/13 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act: -

- (a) **£58,806,001** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Town and Parish Councils (*i.e. Gross Expenditure*)
- (b) **£51,739,840** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act. (*i.e. Gross Income*)
- (c) **£7,066,161** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- (d) **£210.47** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Town and Parish precepts). (*Average Council Tax*).
- (e) **£2,236,311** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Town and Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix A1).
- (f) **£143.86** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept or special item relates. (*Basic Council Tax*)

9. Major Precepting Bodies

To note that the County Council and the Police Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

10. Aggregate Amounts of Council Tax

That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in Appendix A2 as the amounts of Council Tax for 2012/13 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Valuation Bands

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
95.91	111.89	127.88	143.86	175.83	207.80	239.77	287.72

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
751.02	876.19	1,001.36	1,126.53	1,376.87	1,627.21	1,877.55	2,253.06

SUFFOLK POLICE AUTHORITY

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
111.18	129.71	148.24	166.77	203.83	240.89	277.95	333.54

AGGREGATE OF COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENTS

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
958.11	1,117.79	1,277.48	1,437.16	1,756.53	2,075.90	2,395.27	2,874.32

11. Excessive Council Tax

That the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2012/13 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZX Local Government Finance Act 1992 (inserted by Schedule 5 to the Localism Act 2011).

Town Council and Parish Precepts

Parish/Town Council	2011/12			2012/13			C Tax Increase
	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Tax Band D £	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Tax Band D £	%
Acton	644.17	44,000	68.30	646.15	44,000	68.10	-0.31
Aldham	84.76	1,100	12.98	83.07	1,100	13.24	2.03
Alpheton	111.29	2,613	23.48	111.85	2,613	23.36	-0.50
Arwarton	54.95	0	0.00	53.72	0	0.00	0.00
Assington	173.99	6,500	37.36	172.68	7,000	40.54	8.51
Belstead	91.89	8,000	87.06	92.25	8,000	86.72	-0.39
Bentley	327.41	11,500	35.12	326.01	11,500	35.27	0.43
Bildeston	400.78	18,000	44.91	402.81	17,835	44.28	-1.42
Boxford	518.23	32,890	63.47	512.67	33,536	65.41	3.07
Boxted	53.88	400	7.42	54.21	400	7.38	-0.61
Brantham	903.37	41,073	45.47	905.53	41,001	45.28	-0.41
Brent Eleigh	83.03	500	6.02	82.70	1,000	12.09	100.80
Brettenham	114.52	4,150	36.24	120.29	4,150	34.50	-4.80
Bures St Mary	391.73	22,496	57.43	387.74	24,668	63.62	10.78
Burstall	93.32	4,000	42.86	92.40	4,000	43.29	1.00
Capel St Mary	1,141.27	67,703	59.32	1,153.40	70,187	60.85	2.58
Chattisham / Hintlesham	314.84	6,000	19.06	316.84	5,750	18.15	-4.77
Chelmondiston	422.01	23,000	54.50	417.44	26,000	62.28	14.28
Chelsworth	82.24	900	10.94	85.49	900	10.53	-3.80
Chilton	153.91	6,000	38.98	151.38	6,750	44.59	14.38
Cockfield	384.13	10,500	27.33	386.51	13,500	34.93	27.78
Copdock / Washdock	433.26	24,000	55.39	438.33	24,000	54.75	-1.16
East Bergholt	1,129.15	23,000	20.37	1,133.37	26,000	22.94	12.62
Edwardstone	168.87	4,935	29.22	169.28	5,230	30.90	5.72
Elmsett	313.13	9,500	30.34	314.71	9,500	30.19	-0.50
Freston	49.70	800	16.10	50.26	800	15.92	-1.11
Glemsford	1,231.04	83,000	67.42	1,231.73	83,000	67.38	-0.06
Great Cornard	2,730.30	198,466	72.69	2,833.49	205,966	72.69	-0.00
Great Waldingfield	571.74	30,500	53.35	584.73	38,500	65.84	23.43
Great Wenham	63.00	0	0.00	62.66	0	0.00	0.00
Groton	130.31	3,850	29.54	131.09	3,950	30.13	1.99
Hadleigh	2,887.53	295,935	102.49	2,891.41	299,000	103.41	0.90
Harkstead	115.61	2,500	21.62	115.35	2,500	21.67	0.23
Hartest	218.42	9,000	41.21	222.03	9,000	40.54	-1.63
Higham	75.85	0	0.00	79.75	0	0.00	0.00
Hitcham	291.56	7,000	24.01	298.34	6,500	21.79	-9.25
Holbrook	635.83	18,900	29.72	642.67	18,900	29.41	-1.06
Holton St Mary	94.80	4,500	47.47	95.15	4,500	47.29	-0.37
Kersey	183.96	5,930	32.24	187.00	6,151	32.89	2.04
Kettlebaston	36.84	500	13.57	36.84	400	10.86	-20.00
Lavenham	866.98	27,000	31.14	873.55	45,000	51.51	65.41

Parish/Town Council	2011/12			2012/13			C Tax Increase
	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Tax Band D £	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Tax Band D £	%
Lawshall	368.18	7,000	19.01	373.01	7,000	18.77	-1.29
Layham	250.43	8,500	33.94	244.62	8,500	34.75	2.38
Leavenheath	601.52	18,200	30.26	600.65	18,600	30.97	2.35
Lindsey	83.98	2,195	26.14	84.06	1,910	22.72	-13.07
Little Cornard	142.75	2,250	15.76	141.47	2,250	15.90	0.90
Little Waldingfield	155.04	4,230	27.28	149.32	4,230	28.33	3.83
Little Wenham	20.39	0	0.00	19.25	0	0.00	0.00
Long Melford	1,494.85	72,500	48.50	1,502.43	97,000	64.56	33.12
Milden	54.69	850	15.54	52.03	850	16.34	5.11
Monks Eleigh	249.06	14,416	57.88	251.44	14,316	56.94	-1.63
Nayland with Wissington	534.13	32,175	60.24	539.77	32,175	59.61	-1.04
Nedging with Naughton	163.20	4,650	28.49	170.63	4,650	27.25	-4.35
Newton	216.22	8,000	37.00	216.25	9,000	41.62	12.48
Pinewood	1,500.72	123,162	82.07	1,496.83	122,845	82.07	0.00
Polstead	386.34	14,500	37.53	383.18	16,500	43.06	14.73
Preston St Mary	88.35	4,000	45.27	91.39	4,000	43.77	-3.33
Raydon	214.42	8,700	40.57	214.28	9,000	42.00	3.52
Semer	70.43	400	5.68	70.37	400	5.68	0.09
Shelley	32.27	0	0.00	30.83	0	0.00	0.00
Shimpling	189.08	4,600	24.33	194.07	4,830	24.89	2.30
Shotley	781.34	44,325	56.73	779.06	46,551	59.75	5.33
Somerton	40.24	420	10.44	40.22	420	10.44	0.05
Sproughton	548.96	46,540	84.78	558.51	46,540	83.33	-1.71
Stanstead	150.91	8,568	56.78	151.11	8,996	59.53	4.86
Stoke by Nayland	312.44	11,000	35.21	315.20	11,000	34.90	-0.88
Stratford St Mary	328.03	13,800	42.07	316.07	14,500	45.88	9.05
Stutton	352.13	10,000	28.40	350.74	10,000	28.51	0.40
Sudbury	4,548.76	580,000	127.51	4,567.13	604,475	132.35	3.80
Tattingstone	228.73	8,158	35.67	226.89	8,158	35.96	0.81
Thorpe Morieux	106.16	1,900	17.90	107.37	4,000	37.25	108.15
Wattisham	45.53	1,500	32.95	45.43	1,500	33.02	0.22
Whatfield	127.91	3,600	28.14	127.70	3,600	28.19	0.16
Wherstead	118.00	2,928	24.81	115.36	2,928	25.38	2.29
Woolverstone	94.24	2,600	27.59	99.69	2,800	28.09	1.80
TOTAL / AVERAGE	33,373.03	2,126,308	63.71	33,573.24	2,236,311	66.61	4.55

**This version details
proposals for a 3.5%
increase for BDC and
3.75% for SPA**

Appendix A2

Amounts of Council Tax 2012/13

The Council in accordance with sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2012/13 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of its dwellings.

Council Tax Schedule 2012/13	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Babergh District Council	95.91	111.89	127.88	143.86	175.83	207.80	239.77	287.72
Suffolk County Council	751.02	876.19	1,001.36	1,126.53	1,376.87	1,627.21	1,877.55	2,253.06
Suffolk Police Authority	111.18	129.71	148.24	166.77	203.83	240.89	277.95	333.54
Acton	1,003.51	1,170.76	1,338.01	1,505.26	1,839.76	2,174.26	2,508.77	3,010.52
Aldham	966.93	1,128.09	1,289.24	1,450.40	1,772.71	2,095.02	2,417.33	2,900.80
Alpheton	973.68	1,135.96	1,298.24	1,460.52	1,785.08	2,109.64	2,434.20	2,921.04
Arwarton	958.11	1,117.79	1,277.48	1,437.16	1,756.53	2,075.90	2,395.27	2,874.32
Assington	985.13	1,149.32	1,313.51	1,477.70	1,806.08	2,134.46	2,462.83	2,955.40
Belstead	1,015.92	1,185.24	1,354.56	1,523.88	1,862.52	2,201.16	2,539.80	3,047.76
Bentley	981.62	1,145.22	1,308.83	1,472.43	1,799.64	2,126.84	2,454.05	2,944.86
Bildeston	987.63	1,152.23	1,316.84	1,481.44	1,810.65	2,139.86	2,469.07	2,962.88
Boxford	1,001.71	1,168.67	1,335.62	1,502.57	1,836.47	2,170.38	2,504.28	3,005.14
Boxted	963.03	1,123.53	1,284.04	1,444.54	1,765.55	2,086.56	2,407.57	2,889.08
Brantham	988.29	1,153.01	1,317.72	1,482.44	1,811.87	2,141.30	2,470.73	2,964.88
Brent Eleigh	966.17	1,127.19	1,288.22	1,449.25	1,771.31	2,093.36	2,415.42	2,898.50
Brettenham	981.11	1,144.62	1,308.14	1,471.66	1,798.70	2,125.73	2,452.77	2,943.32
Bures St Mary	1,000.52	1,167.27	1,334.03	1,500.78	1,834.29	2,167.79	2,501.30	3,001.56
Burstall	986.97	1,151.46	1,315.96	1,480.45	1,809.44	2,138.43	2,467.42	2,960.90
Capel St Mary	998.67	1,165.12	1,331.56	1,498.01	1,830.90	2,163.79	2,496.68	2,996.02
Chattisham / Hintlesham	970.21	1,131.91	1,293.61	1,455.31	1,778.71	2,102.11	2,425.52	2,910.62
Chelmondiston	999.63	1,166.23	1,332.84	1,499.44	1,832.65	2,165.86	2,499.07	2,998.88
Chelsworth	965.13	1,125.98	1,286.84	1,447.69	1,769.40	2,091.11	2,412.82	2,895.38
Chilton	987.83	1,152.47	1,317.11	1,481.75	1,811.03	2,140.31	2,469.58	2,963.50
Cockfield	981.39	1,144.96	1,308.52	1,472.09	1,799.22	2,126.35	2,453.48	2,944.18
Copdock / Washbrook	994.61	1,160.37	1,326.14	1,491.91	1,823.45	2,154.98	2,486.52	2,983.82
East Bergholt	973.40	1,135.63	1,297.87	1,460.10	1,784.57	2,109.03	2,433.50	2,920.20
Edwardstone	978.71	1,141.82	1,304.94	1,468.06	1,794.30	2,120.53	2,446.77	2,936.12
Elmsett	978.23	1,141.27	1,304.31	1,467.35	1,793.43	2,119.51	2,445.58	2,934.70
Freston	968.72	1,130.17	1,291.63	1,453.08	1,775.99	2,098.89	2,421.80	2,906.16
Glemsford	1,003.03	1,170.20	1,337.37	1,504.54	1,838.88	2,173.22	2,507.57	3,009.08
Great Cornard	1,006.57	1,174.33	1,342.09	1,509.85	1,845.37	2,180.89	2,516.42	3,019.70
Great Waldingfield	1,002.00	1,169.00	1,336.00	1,503.00	1,837.00	2,171.00	2,505.00	3,006.00
Great Wenham	958.11	1,117.79	1,277.48	1,437.16	1,756.53	2,075.90	2,395.27	2,874.32
Groton	978.19	1,141.23	1,304.26	1,467.29	1,793.35	2,119.42	2,445.48	2,934.58
Hadleigh	1,027.05	1,198.22	1,369.40	1,540.57	1,882.92	2,225.27	2,567.62	3,081.14
Harkstead	972.55	1,134.65	1,296.74	1,458.83	1,783.01	2,107.20	2,431.38	2,917.66
Hartest	985.13	1,149.32	1,313.51	1,477.70	1,806.08	2,134.46	2,462.83	2,955.40
Higham	958.11	1,117.79	1,277.48	1,437.16	1,756.53	2,075.90	2,395.27	2,874.32
Hitcham	972.63	1,134.74	1,296.84	1,458.95	1,783.16	2,107.37	2,431.58	2,917.90
Holbrook	977.71	1,140.67	1,303.62	1,466.57	1,792.47	2,118.38	2,444.28	2,933.14
Holton St Mary	989.63	1,154.57	1,319.51	1,484.45	1,814.33	2,144.21	2,474.08	2,968.90
Kersey	980.03	1,143.37	1,306.71	1,470.05	1,796.73	2,123.41	2,450.08	2,940.10

Payment Instalment Dates

RECOMMENDED

(12) That in respect of Council Tax and Business Rates the ten instalment dates each year should be the 1st of each month from the 1st April to 1st January, but with the ability for Council Taxpayers who elect to pay by Direct Debit to choose between the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 28th of each month; subject to the proviso that the payment date of the 1st of each month can be revised to a later date by the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Chairman of the Strategy Committee, if it is felt to be essential to do so.

Delegated Authority

13) (1) That the following Officers (to reflect the operation of the Shared Revenues Partnership):-

Shared Services Operational Manager (Revenues)

Recovery Team Leader

Court Officer

be authorised:-

(a) to collect and recover any Council Tax and Penalties payable under the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

(b) to institute legal proceedings and appear on behalf of the Council at the hearing of any legal proceedings by way of applications for the

issue of:-

(i) to issue Liability Orders for unpaid Council Taxes;

(ii) to issue Warrants of Commitment in respect of Liability Orders,

pursuant to:-

Section 14 and Schedule 4 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Council Tax Administration and Enforcement Regulations

1992 and Section 22 and Schedule 4 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and

(c) to institute any other legal proceedings, process or steps for the purpose of recovering any such unpaid Council Taxes and Penalties and to appear on behalf of the Council at any Hearing relating thereto.

13) (2) That the following Officers (to reflect the operation of the Shared Revenues Partnership):-

Shared Services Operational Manager (Revenues)

Recovery Team Leader

Court Officer

be authorised:

(a) to collect and recover any National Non-Domestic Rate payable under Part III of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

(b) to institute legal proceedings and appear on behalf of the Council at the Hearing of any legal proceedings by way of an application for the issue of (i) a Liability Order for unpaid National Non-Domestic Rate and (ii) a Warrant of Commitment in respect of any National Non- Domestic Rate, pursuant to Section 62 and Schedule 9 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and the Non-Domestic Rating (Collection and Enforcement) (Local Lists) Regulations 1989.

(c) to institute any other legal proceedings, process or steps for the purpose of recovering any such unpaid National Non-Domestic Rate and to appear on behalf of the Council at any Hearing relating thereto.