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TO: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

22 October 2012

Dear Sir/Madam

A Meeting of the Babergh District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Corks Lane, Hadleigh on **Tuesday, 30 October 2012 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.

Andy Pickles, Chief Executive Officer of U-Explore has been invited to make a short presentation (30 minutes) to Members at the conclusion of the meeting.

A brief introduction to U-Explore is attached and further information can be found at <http://www.u-explore.com/website/> .

Yours faithfully

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U-Explore Mid Suffolk and Babergh

Overview

Working in partnership with District Councils across Suffolk, U-Explore are proposing the introduction of their Nationally recognised careers and employability platform as a significant step towards achieving the County's 'Raising the bar' strategy. In particular the following priority:

- To raise aspiration across Suffolk, increasing collaboration between employers and the wider educational community.

Working with Mid Suffolk and Babergh

A partnership with Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils is proposed to enable the successful implementation of U-Explore to establish a common platform throughout the Districts schools and colleges, which becomes a gateway to connect economic priorities to careers guidance, as well as track and support the employability and aspirations of all young people. This approach also creates scale, bringing financial efficiencies and building capacity for employers and providers who wish to connect with young people.

In establishing U-Explore across the districts, it can then be localised with employment, education, training information and opportunities relevant to young people via the unique U-Explore 'Near Me' technology. This innovative approach has been developed to better connect employers and providers with schools and colleges, to bring greater visibility to local economic priorities and link young people to employment opportunities in the Mid Suffolk and Babergh Districts.

- How does U-Explore work?

At the heart of U-Explore is a powerful search engine which can take an interest, an aspiration, a subject or an idea from a young person and associate it with a range of related jobs. This is an essential tool to enable a young person to broaden their aspirations, which can sometimes be very narrow to begin with. The search results connect a user to the U-Explore 'Job Banks' to give detailed information relating to over 1,600 possible jobs, including recommended qualifications, the skills required and the salary range as well as further communicating other associated jobs via the 'Like This Job? Try These' function.

Throughout the user's journey on U-Explore they can 'like' jobs, qualifications, providers and employers, all of which populate their profile, creating powerful data to support and develop the young person's aspiration. In addition, data is accessible to analyse local and regional activity relating to aspirations of young people and how they compare to economic priorities and the regional and local skills needs.

Also linked to the 'Job Banks' are local employer profiles, featuring labour market information and employment opportunities including Apprenticeships. The 'Job Banks' also connect young people to further and higher education providers, which are linked to associated qualifications.

There is a range of other applications within U-Explore which link industry information to the curriculum, making U-Explore an exceptional teaching tool and exposing young people to regular work-related information, all of which is fed into a young person's profile so they can build their CV using a unique CV builder.

Presentation by Andy Pickles CEO U-Explore - andy.pickles@u-explore.com 07747008813

PART I1 MINUTES

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on [28 September 2012](#) as a correct record.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paper
[M105](#)

In addition to any announcements made at the meeting please see Paper M105 attached detailing events attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

5 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 13

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 13, the Chief Executive will report the receipt of any petitions. There can be no debate or comment upon this matter at the Council meeting.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (a) Babergh Core Strategy (2011-31; Submission Version): Proposed Submission for Inspection; Related Actions and Revised Plan Programme (Local Development Scheme (LDS)) (Strategy Committee 18 October 2012)

Paper
[M100](#)

The Head of Economy submitted a report (Paper M100) asking Members to make recommendations to Council regarding the submission of the Draft Core Strategy document for external examination.

The Corporate Manager – Spatial Planning Policy in introducing Paper M100 gave a brief outline of the stage reached to date in the process towards adoption of the Core Strategy, and the next steps in that process. He also explained recommendations 2.2 to 2.5 of Paper M100 which would follow on from a decision to recommend (as set out in 2.1) that the current Draft be submitted for examination.

Members accepted the need for recommendations 2.4 and 2.5, notwithstanding initial concerns expressed by some Members. They noted that 2.4 reflected the statutory position of the Planning Inspector in securing a 'sound' Plan and that the delegation proposed in 2.5 would avoid undue delay in resolving minor drafting and other issues. The Corporate Manager confirmed that Members would be kept informed of the progress of the examination through PLG and that, in the unlikely event of major changes being required, there would be appropriate Member involvement, depending on the timescale available. It was agreed that the note in italics after 2.2 would not be included in the formal recommendation to Council.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

- (1) That the Submission Draft Core Strategy (2011–2031) document (together with the main and minor modifications already agreed) be submitted for external examination (paper versions supplied previously); together with Statement of Consultation (Appendix A to Paper M100) and all other associated, supportive submission documents (including sustainability appraisal, evidence base, etc. – available on the website due to their volume). Further, that this is considered to be a 'sound' (fit for purpose) Plan.**
- (2) That (by way of clarification, and to avoid any possible ambiguity) it be confirmed that the town and village boundaries (built up area boundaries) from the 2006 Local Plan are to be retained (unaltered) for the purposes of new development policies in the Core Strategy. Further, it be noted that new Policy CS6 intentionally provides greater flexibility for appropriate development beyond these for identified (Core and Hinterland) Villages (subject to criteria) but this does not negate the overall role, purpose definition or clarity provided by those boundaries.**
- (3) That the supporting, revised timetable for progressing the Core Strategy towards adoption (in the form of the attached 'Local Development Scheme' (LDS) at Appendix B to Paper M100) be approved.**
- (4) That, notwithstanding resolution (1) above, it be recognised that it is possible that a Planning Inspector may potentially take a different view on soundness, and consequently, it be agreed that the Council would wish an Inspector to make any changes necessary to the Core Strategy in order to render the submitted Plan sound.**

(5) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Manager – Spatial Planning Policy, to discuss, propose or agree in principle (in response to the Inspector) such changes as prove necessary on behalf of the Council during the progress of the examination hearing.

(b) Interim Planning Performance Action Plan (Strategy Committee 18 October 2012)

Paper
[M104](#)

The Strategic Director (Place) presented Paper M104, a report from the Head of Economy proposing the introduction of measures for a six month period to address issues relating to planning performance and customer service. She explained the background to the proposed actions set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report, and together with the Chief Executive, answered Members' questions on various specific matters which were raised during the debate. Members were aware that Mid Suffolk's Executive Committee had agreed the recommendation in 2.1.

It was noted that David Cleary (Corporate Manager – Customer Services) would be added to 'All' under the action 'Poor customer service levels' in paragraph 8.4.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

That the principle behind the proposed improvement plan outlined in Paper M104 be agreed. Further, that the actions identified be funded as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report and the monies allocated from Council reserves.

7 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 working days before the day of the meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 14.

8 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

The Chairman of the Council and the Chairmen of Committees and Sub-Committees to answer any questions on any matters in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affect the District and which fall within the terms of reference of that Committee or Sub-Committee of which due notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 15.4 (a) and (b).

9 DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACE ORDER FOR HADLEIGH

Paper
[M106](#)

Report from the Head of Communities attached.

10 TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS TO KETTLEBASTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Head of Corporate Organisation to report that following the resignation of three parish councillors, Kettlebaston Parish Council is inquorate and therefore unable to act. The District Council may make an Order under Section 91(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to appoint persons to fill the vacancies temporarily.

The Ward Member (Councillor Arthey) and two adjoining Ward Members (Councillors Norman and Antill) would be prepared to be appointed on an interim basis.

It is therefore **recommended**

That the Head of Corporate Organisation be authorised to make an Order appointing the relevant Ward Councillors (Mr C W Arthey and adjoining Ward Members (Mrs A M Norman and Mrs J Antill)) temporarily to serve on Kettlebaston Parish Council under Section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972.

For further information on any of the Part 1 items listed above, please contact Steve Ellwood on 01473 825876 or via email at committee.services@babergh.gov.uk