

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON FRIDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2013

PRESENT: Mr N A Ridley - Chairman

Mrs J Antill	Mr B D Hurren
Mr C W Arthey	Ms J A Jenkins
Dr M F M Bamford	Mr P Jones
Mr S R Barrett	Mr J A B Long
Mr A C Bavington	Mrs M O Munson
Mr P K Beer	Mrs A M Norman
Mr P D Burgoyne	Mr J M Owen
Mr D M Busby	Mrs A K Pollard
Mrs S Carpendale	Mr C A Roberts
Mr J R Cartlidge	Mr D C Rose
Mr J R B Cave	Mr R C Smith
Mrs K S Grandon	Mr R W Thake
Mr D G Grutchfield	Mrs S M Wigglesworth
Mr A J Hinton	Mr D L Wood

The following Members were unable to be present:

Mr N A Bennett, Mr M J Deacon, Mr D H Keane, Mr R E Kemp, Miss D L Kendall, Mr F R Lawrenson, Mr N MacMaster, Mr M Newman, Mr J M Nunn, Mr A F D W Osborne, Mr B Riley, Mr J R A Sayers, Mr A J Ward and Mr L H Young.

19 MINUTES

**RESOLVED**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on [23 July 2013](#) be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments being made:-**

- **The name of Mr R E Kemp to be added to the list of attendees**
- **The name of Mr N MacMaster to be added to the list of those unable to be present**

20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

21 MR N MACMASTER

With the consent of the Chairman, Mr A C Bavington made a statement updating Members on Mr MacMaster's current state of health which was noted by Members. The Chairman expressed the Council's best wishes to Mr MacMaster.

A motion without notice was then moved under Council Procedure Rule No.17(d) asking the Monitoring Officer to review the position and report to the next meeting of the Council. The motion was carried on being put to the vote.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Monitoring Officer be asked to review the current position regarding Councillor MacMaster and report back to the next meeting of the Council.**

22 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events Attended

The Chairman referred to [Paper N60](#) outlining recent events attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council. Members noted that the Vice-Chairman did not in fact attend the Haverhill Mayor's Civic service which was held on 15 September, the Ipswich Mayor's Service being held on 22 September and not as shown in [Paper N60](#).

Civic Service

The Chairman informed Members that he was arranging a Babergh Civic Service at Lavenham Church to be held on 5 December 2012 at 7 p.m.

23 PETITIONS

None received.

24 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Question from Mr Alastair McCraw to the Chairman of the Strategy Committee

At the Brantham Parish Council Meeting of 4 September I presented a History of Policy CS6a, addressed to Councillor Simon Barrett. This raised concerns, and asked questions, over Political Oversight of a critical part of the Core Strategy. I gave Councillor Barrett a copy at the time.

What public discussion of these concerns and questions by the Strategy Committee has there been to date?

Reply from the Chairman of the Strategy Committee

As part of reaching approval for the Core Strategy to proceed to examination the main document including the Brantham employment land allocation was debated by both Strategy and Council on more than one occasion. However, the housing element of the Brantham allocation arose as part of the inspection process and the more in-depth view required by the inspector around viability and deliverability which led to the need for a main modification to enable both the Inspector's questions to be addressed. It should be noted that the core strategy, if approved by the Inspector, will have to come back to Strategy and Full Council for final adoption. However, through the usual informal channels the issue of the main modification at Brantham has been discussed fully with the political leaders.

Supplementary Question from Mr McCraw to the Chairman of the Strategy Committee

Will the Strategy Committee and Full Council be examining these questions when making any decisions regarding the Core Strategy and associated Planning Applications?

Reply from the Chairman of the Strategy Committee

Yes.

25 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(a) Joint Annual Treasury Management Report 2012/13 (Joint Audit and Standards Committee – 2 September 2013)

Members had before them [Paper JAC9](#) which had been considered by the Joint Audit and Standards Committee but with a revised Appendix B and a new Appendix E to reflect the amendments which had been made by the Committee.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Joint Annual Treasury Management report 2012/13 as set out in [Paper JAC9](#) together with appendices including the revised Appendix B and additional Appendix E be noted.**

Note: It is a requirement of the legislation that the Annual Treasury Management Report is submitted to the Full Council for noting.

(b) Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 (Regulatory Committee – 13 September 2013)

Mr R C Smith, Vice-Chairman of the Regulatory Committee, introduced the Committee's recommendations regarding the discharge of functions under the new Scrap Metal Dealers Act as outlined in [Paper N55](#).

**RESOLVED**

**(1) That the discharge of all functions under the provisions of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 be delegated to the Head of Environment, with hearings of individual cases where the Head of Environment is not minded to grant a licence to be discharged by the Licensing and Appeals Committee acting as a Sub-Committee of the Council's Regulatory Committee.**

**(2) That Part 3 of the Council's Constitution be updated accordingly and that the Council's Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the necessary amendments to the Council's written Constitution to give effect to these changes.**

(c) Statement of Accounts (Babergh Audit Committee – 24 September 2013)

Mr D M Busby, Chairman of the Babergh Audit Committee, introduced the Committee's recommendation which was to approve the Statement of Accounts and the Auditor's Report (appended to [Paper N59](#)) as amended following the Committee's consideration.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Statement of Accounts and the Auditor's Report appended to [Paper N59](#), as amended following consideration by the Babergh Audit Committee, be approved.**

26 NOTICE OF MOTION

A motion as set out in the resolution below was moved by Ms J A Jenkins and seconded by Mr S Barrett, the requisite notice thereof having been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.16.

Members were aware that Mid Suffolk District Council at its recent meeting voted unanimously in favour of the notice of motion.

The notice was debated by Members and a vote taken with the motion being carried.

**RESOLVED**

**That this Council notes the Government's recent announcement of its proposals for the upgrade of the A14 Trunk Road between Cambridge and Huntingdon. Whilst this Council recognises and accepts that there is a need to upgrade this important transport route, this Council is opposed to any form of tolling because of the impact of such a toll charge on the economy and communities of this District and the County of Suffolk.**

27 REVISIONS TO TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR) OF BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK JOINT AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Head of Corporate Organisation reported that at its meeting on 1 July 2013 the Joint Audit and Standards Committee considered the ToR for the Committee as adopted at each Full Council in April 2013. The Committee noted that certain corrections were needed which had now been incorporated into [Paper N62](#) circulated to Members with the agenda. The Terms of Reference previously agreed by both Councils were attached, for comparison, as Appendix A to [Paper N62](#).

**RESOLVED**

**That the revised Terms of Reference for the Joint Audit and Standards Committee as set out in [Paper N62](#) be approved.**

28 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

29 LEAD MEMBER ROLE

Ms J A Jenkins, Leader of the Council, introduced [Paper N61](#), a report prepared by the Head of Corporate Organisation, setting out proposals developed, in consultation with the Political Leaders Group and the members of the Joint Constitutional Working Group, for Lead Member roles.

**RESOLVED**

(1) That the role descriptor and core responsibilities for the Lead Member role outlined in Appendix A to [Paper N61](#) be approved.

(2) That the proposed designations and allocation of Lead Member roles as set out below, be approved:-

- **Leader, Finance and Resources** **Jennie Jenkins**
- **Environment** **John Hinton**
- **Housing** **Tony Bavington**
- **Health and Well Being and Communities** **Nigel Bennett**
- **Growth and the Local Economy  
(including Planning)** **Simon Barrett**
- **Public Access** **Kathy Pollard**

(3) That the existing Member Champion roles be deleted as described in paragraph 10.1 of [Paper N61](#).

(4) That Mr C W Arthey continues to be the Council's representative on the Suffolk Waste Partnership for the remainder of the current term of office.

30 MEMBERSHIP OF JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Head of Corporate Organisation reported that the Conservative Group had notified its intention to make a change to its Members on the Joint Scrutiny Committee.

**RESOLVED**

**That Councillor Mark Newman replaces Councillor John Sayers on the Joint Scrutiny Committee with immediate effect for the remainder of the current municipal year.**

- Notes:
1. Mr C W Arthey left the meeting during consideration of the item referred to in Minute No. 25(b) above.
  2. Mrs A M Norman left the meeting after consideration of the item referred to in Minute No. 26 above.
  3. The meeting adjourned for refreshments between 11.00 a.m. and 11.20 a.m.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 12.05 p.m.

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Chairman