

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2015

PRESENT: James Long – Chairman

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| Jenny Antill | Mary Munson |
| Clive Arthey | Mark Newman |
| Michael Bamford | Jack Norman |
| Peter Beer | John Nunn |
| Peter Burgoyne | Adrian Osborne |
| Dave Busby | Jack Owen |
| James Cartlidge | Kathy Pollard |
| John Deacon | Nick Ridley |
| Kathryn Grandon | Brian Riley |
| David Grutchfield | Tony Roberts |
| John Hinton | David Rose |
| Bryn Hurren | Ray Smith |
| Jennie Jenkins | Rex Thake |
| Peter Jones | Trot Ward |
| Frank Lawrenson | Sue Wigglesworth |
| Robert Lindsay | David Wood |

The following Members were unable to be present:-

Simon Barrett, Tony Bavington, Nigel Bennett, Sue Carpendale, Richard Cave, Desmond Keane, Richard Kemp, John Sayers and Len Young.

58 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There were no questions or statements from the public.

59 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

60 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

61 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events Attended

The Chairman of the Council referred to Paper P106 outlining recent events attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

62 PETITIONS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 14, it was noted that the following petition had been received:-

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.

63 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

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

Members had before them [Paper P100R](#) from the Head of Corporate Resources. The report included amended recommendations from those in the original report to Joint Audit and Standards ([Paper P100](#)) to take account of

- the Strategy Committee's recommendations to Council, which excluded 2.2(d) of Paper P100 (dealt under the Budget item at Strategy Committee)
- amendments to some tables and appendices which were required for reasons relating to (a) late notification on the limit rent and (b) receipt of approval for an increase in the HRA borrowing cap

The Chairman of the Strategy Committee introduced the recommendations as contained in 2.1 to 2.2 (a)(b)(c) of Paper P100R, and these were proposed and seconded.

The Chairman of the Joint Audit and Standards Committee then made reference to recommendation 2.2(d) of Paper P100, which had not been supported by Strategy Committee, relating to decisions on the use of the £25m identified for 'potential prudential borrowing relating to investment opportunities and Delivery Plan projects' (para 8.11 of Paper P100 refers). An amendment was moved to approve recommendation 2.2(d) and this was carried on being put to the vote.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the key factors and information relating to and affecting treasury management activities set out in Appendices A and B to Paper P100R be noted.**
- (2) That the following be approved:-**
 - (a) The Treasury Management Policy Statement set out in Appendix C to Paper P100R.**

- (b) **The Treasury Management Strategy for 2015/16, incorporating the proposed changes referred to in sections 8.17 and 8.18 of the report and including the Annual Investment Strategy as set out in Appendix D to Paper P100R.**
- (c) **The Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Statement set out in Appendices G and H to Paper P100R.**
- (d) **That the use of the £25m, referred to in paragraph 8.11 of Paper P100R be subject to business cases that will be presented to Strategy Committee for onward recommendation to Full Council.**

Note: Jack Norman arrived after the vote had been taken on this item.

64 JOINT MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND 2015/16 BUDGET

Jennie Jenkins introduced the recommendations of the Strategy Committee relating to the General Fund and HRA Budget proposals for 2015/16. [Paper P107](#) submitted by the Heads of Corporate Resources and Housing incorporated the Committee's recommendations and set out the strategic context in which the Council is currently operating, and which she summarised in her introduction.

Members were aware that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 23.3 and the requirements of the relevant legislation, the decision on the Budget would be the subject of a recorded vote.

Members were advised of changes to Appendix G to Paper P107 as a result of a late notification from Little Cornard. A revised version of the Appendix was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting, in which the updated information had been highlighted. Members noted the resultant changes on page 5 – Little Cornard – 2015/16 – £4,393.06 and Total – £2,390,281.01.

Recommendations 2.1 to 2.5 and 2.7 were proposed and seconded, following which the Chairman opened the debate.

The result of the recorded vote was as follows:-

| <u>For the Motion</u> | <u>Against the Motion</u> | <u>Abstentions</u> |
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| Clive Arthey | Michael Bamford | |
| Peter Beer | Robert Lindsay | |
| Peter Burgoyne | Jack Owen | |
| Dave Busby | David Wood | |
| James Cartlidge | | |
| John Deacon | | |
| Kathryn Grandon | | |
| David Grutchfield | | |
| John Hinton | | |
| Bryn Hurren | | |
| Jennie Jenkins | | |
| Peter Jones | | |
| Frank Lawrenson | | |

For the Motion

Against the Motion

Abstentions

James Long
Mary Munson
Mark Newman
Jack Norman
John Nunn
Adrian Osborne
Kathy Pollard
Nick Ridley
Brian Riley
Tony Roberts
David Rose
Ray Smith
Rex Thake
Trot Ward
Sue Wigglesworth

Note: Jenny Antill left the meeting before the vote was taken.

The result of the recorded vote was 28 Members in favour of the recommendations with 4 Members against. There were no abstentions.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Joint Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and Budget proposals set out in Paper P107 be approved.**
- (2) That the final General Fund Budget for 2015/16 be based on:-**
 - (a) A continuation of the funding strategy agreed for 2014/15 in order to deliver the Council's Transformation Programme and Strategic Priority outcomes.**
 - (b) Linked to the above, using an estimated £1.8m from New Homes Bonus and Business Rates (section 31 Grant) received in 2015/16 to support the Budget, including Programme Development resources.**
 - (c) No increase in Council Tax.**
- (3) That the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Investment Strategy 2015/16 to 2019/20 and HRA Budget for 2015/16 be based on:-**
 - (a) An increase of 2.7% increase in Council House and garage rents, equivalent to an average Council House rent increase of £2.41 a week.**
 - (b) Sheltered communal service charges being increased by 5%.**
 - (c) Sheltered heating and utility charges being decreased by 8%.**

- (4) That the revised HRA Business Plan in Appendix B to Paper P107 be noted.**
- (5) That the Capital Programme in Appendix E to Paper P107 - General Fund for 2015/16 only and HRA for 2015/16 to 2018/19 be approved, including the addition of £25m for potential investment opportunities, to be allocated to investment proposals that meet the desired investment strategy returns and strategic priority outcomes.**

Note: The use of the £25m referred to in Resolution (5) above will be subject to business cases that will be presented to Strategy Committee for onward recommendation to Full Council (Minute No. 63 refers).

- (6) That the following recommendations relating to the General Fund Budget be approved:-**
 - (a) The 2015/16 Precept dates shown in Appendix D to Paper P107**
 - (b) Accepting the council tax freeze grant (currently £143.86 for a Band D property)**
- (7) That the statement from the Chief Financial Officer under section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 covering the robustness of estimates and adequacy of reserves set out in Appendix F to Paper P107 and the minimum safe contingency level of un-earmarked reserves of £1.15m be noted.**
- (8) That it be noted that it is a requirement for the billing authority to calculate a council tax requirement for the year as opposed to its budget requirement.**
- (9) That it be noted that the Council, as delegated to the Section 151 Officer, calculated the tax base;**
 - (a) for the whole Council area as 31,641.28 and,**
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as shown on page 4 of Appendix G (revised) to Paper P107.**
- (10) That the council tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/16 (excluding Parish precepts) is £4,551,915. Further, that the Council's basic amount of council tax for 2015/16 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZX of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (inserted by Schedule 5 to the Localism Act 2011).**
- (11) That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:-**

| | | |
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| a) | £55,789,262 | 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 Parish Councils (gross expenditure) |
| b) | £48,846,999 | Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for items set out in Section 31(A)(3) of the Act (gross income) |
| c) | £6,942,263 | Being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(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 31A(4) of the Act) (net expenditure) |
| d) | £219.40 | Being the amount at 4(c) above (item R) all divided by item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year (including Parish precepts) (average council tax) |
| e) | £2,390,281 | Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per Appendix H) |
| f) | £143.86 | Being the amount at 4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(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 relates (basic council tax) |

- (12) That it be noted that Suffolk County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner 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:

| | Suffolk County Council | Police and Crime Commissioner | Babergh District Council | Aggregated Council Tax requirement |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Valuation Bands | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| A | 751.02 | 113.40 | 95.91 | 960.33 |
| B | 876.19 | 132.30 | 111.89 | 1,120.38 |
| C | 1,001.36 | 151.20 | 127.88 | 1,280.44 |
| D | 1,126.53 | 170.10 | 143.86 | 1,440.49 |
| E | 1,376.87 | 207.90 | 175.83 | 1,760.60 |
| F | 1,627.21 | 245.70 | 207.80 | 2,080.71 |
| G | 1,877.55 | 283.50 | 239.77 | 2,400.82 |
| H | 2,253.06 | 340.20 | 287.72 | 2,880.98 |

- (13) That 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 above and further in Appendix G (revised pages 7 and 8) as the amounts of council tax for 2015/16 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.
- (14) That the Town and Parish Council Precepts for 2015/16 as detailed further in Appendix G (revised pages 5 and 6) be approved.

PRECEPTS AND COUNCIL TAX BAND D FOR PARISHES

| Parish | 2014/15 Parish Precept | Tax Base | Council Tax Band D | 2015/16 Parish Precept | Tax Base | Council Tax Band D | Increase / Decrease (-) |
|---------------------|------------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| | £ | | £ | £ | | £ | £ |
| Acton | 44,880.00 | 596.75 | 75.21 | 45,645.17 | 608.96 | 74.96 | - 0.25 |
| Aldham | 1,100.00 | 78.79 | 13.96 | 1,100.00 | 82.07 | 13.40 | - 0.56 |
| Alpheton | 2,847.00 | 108.68 | 26.20 | 2,847.00 | 108.22 | 26.31 | 0.11 |
| Erwarton | - | 54.10 | - | - | 54.68 | - | - |
| Assington | 7,362.96 | 167.15 | 44.05 | 7,646.64 | 173.59 | 44.05 | - 0.00 |
| Belstead | 7,000.00 | 87.62 | 79.89 | 7,000.00 | 86.90 | 80.55 | 0.66 |
| Bentley | 12,000.00 | 310.90 | 38.60 | 14,000.00 | 321.41 | 43.56 | 4.96 |
| Bildeston | 17,476.00 | 349.86 | 49.95 | 18,400.00 | 353.10 | 52.11 | 2.16 |
| Boxford | 32,778.00 | 488.75 | 67.06 | 33,119.00 | 489.63 | 67.64 | 0.58 |
| Boxted | 400.00 | 50.99 | 7.84 | 400.00 | 52.79 | 7.58 | - 0.27 |
| Brantham | 41,800.00 | 831.30 | 50.28 | 42,000.00 | 847.63 | 49.55 | - 0.73 |
| Brent Eleigh | 2,000.00 | 80.11 | 24.97 | 2,000.00 | 82.05 | 24.38 | - 0.59 |
| Brettenham | 4,150.00 | 115.07 | 36.07 | 4,150.00 | 117.53 | 35.31 | - 0.75 |
| Bures St Mary | 26,435.00 | 358.34 | 73.77 | 26,435.00 | 399.58 | 66.16 | - 7.61 |
| Burstall | 4,284.00 | 90.03 | 47.58 | 4,369.00 | 91.30 | 47.85 | 0.27 |
| Capel St Mary | 79,040.00 | 1,107.31 | 71.38 | 80,075.00 | 1,111.74 | 72.03 | 0.65 |
| Chattisham | 1,490.44 | 79.95 | 18.64 | 1,500.63 | 81.95 | 18.31 | - 0.33 |
| Chelmondiston | 23,951.00 | 385.03 | 62.21 | 24,430.00 | 392.90 | 62.18 | - 0.03 |
| Chelsworth | 900.00 | 83.55 | 10.77 | 900.00 | 83.37 | 10.80 | 0.02 |
| Chilton | 7,773.96 | 148.33 | 52.41 | 7,658.15 | 146.12 | 52.41 | 0.00 |
| Cockfield | 19,000.00 | 361.34 | 52.58 | 25,000.00 | 371.35 | 67.32 | 14.74 |
| Copdock & Washbrook | 22,450.00 | 400.98 | 55.99 | 22,887.00 | 417.67 | 54.80 | - 1.19 |
| East Bergholt | 68,000.00 | 1,077.88 | 63.09 | 97,500.00 | 1,091.42 | 89.33 | 26.25 |
| Edwardstone | 5,625.00 | 164.74 | 34.14 | 5,625.00 | 164.63 | 34.17 | 0.02 |
| Elmsett | 9,500.00 | 294.03 | 32.31 | 9,500.00 | 298.48 | 31.83 | - 0.48 |
| Freston | 800.00 | 51.18 | 15.63 | 800.00 | 53.47 | 14.96 | - 0.67 |
| Glemsford | 87,100.00 | 1,113.16 | 78.25 | 88,755.00 | 1,161.61 | 76.41 | - 1.84 |
| Great Cornard | 186,807.00 | 2,520.67 | 74.11 | 190,338.00 | 2,568.32 | 74.11 | - 0.00 |
| Great Waldingfield | 41,728.48 | 557.33 | 74.87 | 43,891.79 | 586.24 | 74.87 | - 0.00 |
| Great Wenham | - | 54.58 | - | - | 56.47 | - | - |
| Groton | 4,149.00 | 124.39 | 33.35 | 4,149.00 | 123.58 | 33.57 | 0.22 |
| Hadleigh | 284,838.00 | 2,674.29 | 106.51 | 303,044.00 | 2,789.43 | 108.64 | 2.13 |
| Harkstead | 2,500.00 | 109.32 | 22.87 | 2,500.00 | 111.98 | 22.33 | - 0.54 |
| Hartest | 10,187.00 | 222.75 | 45.73 | 10,390.00 | 224.63 | 46.25 | 0.52 |
| Higham | - | 73.24 | - | - | 75.97 | - | - |
| Hintlesham | 4,259.56 | 228.49 | 18.64 | 4,249.37 | 232.06 | 18.31 | - 0.33 |
| Hitcham | 6,300.00 | 281.75 | 22.36 | 6,300.00 | 287.40 | 21.92 | - 0.44 |
| Holbrook | 21,400.00 | 608.11 | 35.19 | 22,000.00 | 614.21 | 35.82 | 0.63 |
| Holton St Mary | 4,590.00 | 89.93 | 51.04 | 4,590.00 | 97.26 | 47.19 | - 3.85 |
| Kersey | 6,604.00 | 177.72 | 37.16 | 6,700.00 | 180.31 | 37.16 | - 0.00 |
| Kettlebaston | 1,000.00 | 36.94 | 27.07 | 1,000.00 | 36.39 | 27.48 | 0.41 |
| Lavenham | 65,000.00 | 805.70 | 80.68 | 68,000.00 | 850.48 | 79.95 | - 0.72 |
| Lawshall | 6,459.00 | 347.93 | 18.56 | 7,261.00 | 359.69 | 20.19 | 1.62 |
| Layham | 8,500.00 | 237.21 | 35.83 | 8,500.00 | 235.65 | 36.07 | 0.24 |
| Leavenheath | 19,000.00 | 582.68 | 32.61 | 19,200.00 | 588.83 | 32.61 | - 0.00 |
| Lindsey | 2,072.00 | 83.63 | 24.78 | 2,115.00 | 82.80 | 25.54 | 0.77 |
| Little Cornard | 4,460.00 | 140.29 | 31.79 | 4,393.06 | 138.19 | 31.79 | - 0.00 |
| Little Waldingfield | 4,061.00 | 138.28 | 29.37 | 6,691.00 | 142.91 | 46.82 | 17.45 |
| Little Wenham | - | 20.10 | - | - | 21.27 | - | - |

| Parish | 2014/15 Parish Precept | Tax Base | Council Tax Band D | 2015/16 Parish Precept | Tax Base | Council Tax Band D | Increase / Decrease (-) |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| | £ | | £ | £ | | £ | £ |
| Long Melford | 113,484.75 | 1,347.64 | 84.21 | 117,494.00 | 1,367.89 | 85.89 | 1.68 |
| Milden | 881.75 | 51.40 | 17.15 | 889.37 | 53.26 | 16.70 | - 0.46 |
| Monks Eleigh | 15,789.00 | 237.40 | 66.51 | 16,714.00 | 240.65 | 69.45 | 2.95 |
| Nayland with Wissington | 31,773.25 | 503.58 | 63.09 | 32,140.00 | 509.40 | 63.09 | - 0.00 |
| Nedging with Naughton | 4,700.00 | 155.03 | 30.32 | 4,650.00 | 156.05 | 29.80 | - 0.52 |
| Newton | 9,067.02 | 198.49 | 45.68 | 9,282.64 | 203.21 | 45.68 | 0.00 |
| Pinewood | 132,527.35 | 1,395.41 | 94.97 | 132,646.49 | 1,396.72 | 94.97 | - 0.00 |
| Polstead | 17,810.06 | 371.43 | 47.95 | 17,891.10 | 373.12 | 47.95 | 0.00 |
| Preston St Mary | 4,000.00 | 91.64 | 43.65 | 4,000.00 | 94.39 | 42.38 | - 1.27 |
| Raydon | 11,000.00 | 201.60 | 54.56 | 12,000.00 | 205.14 | 58.50 | 3.93 |
| Semer | 405.25 | 68.45 | 5.92 | 800.00 | 66.98 | 11.94 | 6.02 |
| Shelley | - | 30.19 | - | - | 30.07 | - | - |
| Shimpling | 6,630.00 | 185.08 | 35.82 | 6,762.60 | 184.60 | 36.63 | 0.81 |
| Shotley | 53,500.09 | 701.07 | 76.31 | 54,727.00 | 707.47 | 77.36 | 1.04 |
| Somerton | 420.00 | 40.08 | 10.48 | 420.00 | 40.08 | 10.48 | - |
| Sproughton | 49,573.00 | 531.78 | 93.22 | 49,573.00 | 536.13 | 92.46 | - 0.76 |
| Stanstead | 9,359.00 | 142.86 | 65.51 | 8,000.00 | 145.88 | 54.84 | - 10.67 |
| Stoke by Nayland | 11,000.00 | 282.40 | 38.95 | 11,246.00 | 288.73 | 38.95 | - 0.00 |
| Stratford St Mary | 15,200.00 | 310.68 | 48.92 | 15,500.00 | 313.51 | 49.44 | 0.52 |
| Stutton | 11,600.00 | 324.47 | 35.75 | 11,600.00 | 326.25 | 35.56 | - 0.20 |
| Sudbury | 559,526.00 | 3,942.27 | 141.93 | 574,446.00 | 4,047.39 | 141.93 | 0.00 |
| Tattingstone | 8,150.00 | 223.93 | 36.40 | 8,645.00 | 225.42 | 38.35 | 1.96 |
| Thorpe Morieux | 1,650.00 | 106.41 | 15.51 | 1,800.00 | 108.78 | 16.55 | 1.04 |
| Wattisham | 1,500.00 | 39.84 | 37.65 | 1,500.00 | 41.88 | 35.82 | - 1.83 |
| Whatfield | 3,334.00 | 118.08 | 28.24 | 3,231.00 | 120.24 | 26.87 | - 1.36 |
| Wherstead | 2,649.00 | 111.72 | 23.71 | 2,649.00 | 112.72 | 23.50 | - 0.21 |
| Woolverstone | 2,619.00 | 94.88 | 27.60 | 2,619.00 | 97.10 | 26.97 | - 0.63 |
| Total | 2,292,206.92 | 30,959.06 | 74.04 | 2,390,281.01 | 31,641.28 | 75.54 | 1.50 |

PRECEPT FOR EACH BANDING BY PARISH

| | 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 |
| Police and Crime Commissioner | 113.40 | 132.30 | 151.20 | 170.10 | 207.90 | 245.70 | 283.50 | 340.20 |
| Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements | 960.33 | 1,120.38 | 1,280.44 | 1,440.49 | 1,760.60 | 2,080.71 | 2,400.82 | 2,880.98 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Parish | Total Amount of Council Tax for 2015/16 | | | | | | | |
| | 6/9 ths | 7/9 ths | 8/9 ths | | 11/9 ths | 13/9 ths | 15/9 ths | 18/9 ths |
| | Band A £ | Band B £ | Band C £ | Band D £ | Band E £ | Band F £ | Band G £ | Band H £ |
| Acton | 1,010.30 | 1,178.68 | 1,347.07 | 1,515.45 | 1,852.22 | 2,188.98 | 2,525.75 | 3,030.90 |
| Aldham | 969.26 | 1,130.80 | 1,292.35 | 1,453.89 | 1,776.98 | 2,100.06 | 2,423.15 | 2,907.78 |
| Alpheton | 977.87 | 1,140.84 | 1,303.82 | 1,466.80 | 1,792.76 | 2,118.71 | 2,444.67 | 2,933.60 |
| Erwarton | 960.33 | 1,120.38 | 1,280.44 | 1,440.49 | 1,760.60 | 2,080.71 | 2,400.82 | 2,880.98 |
| Assington | 989.69 | 1,154.64 | 1,319.59 | 1,484.54 | 1,814.44 | 2,144.34 | 2,474.23 | 2,969.08 |
| Belstead | 1,014.03 | 1,183.03 | 1,352.04 | 1,521.04 | 1,859.05 | 2,197.06 | 2,535.07 | 3,042.08 |
| Bentley | 989.37 | 1,154.26 | 1,319.16 | 1,484.05 | 1,813.84 | 2,143.63 | 2,473.42 | 2,968.10 |
| Bildeston | 995.07 | 1,160.91 | 1,326.76 | 1,492.60 | 1,824.29 | 2,155.98 | 2,487.67 | 2,985.20 |
| Boxford | 1,005.42 | 1,172.99 | 1,340.56 | 1,508.13 | 1,843.27 | 2,178.41 | 2,513.55 | 3,016.26 |
| Boxted | 965.38 | 1,126.28 | 1,287.17 | 1,448.07 | 1,769.86 | 2,091.66 | 2,413.45 | 2,896.14 |
| Brantham | 993.36 | 1,158.92 | 1,324.48 | 1,490.04 | 1,821.16 | 2,152.28 | 2,483.40 | 2,980.08 |
| Brent Eleigh | 976.58 | 1,139.34 | 1,302.11 | 1,464.87 | 1,790.40 | 2,115.92 | 2,441.45 | 2,929.74 |
| Brettenham | 983.87 | 1,147.84 | 1,311.82 | 1,475.80 | 1,803.76 | 2,131.71 | 2,459.67 | 2,951.60 |
| Bures St Mary | 1,004.43 | 1,171.84 | 1,339.24 | 1,506.65 | 1,841.46 | 2,176.27 | 2,511.08 | 3,013.30 |
| Burstall | 992.23 | 1,157.60 | 1,322.97 | 1,488.34 | 1,819.08 | 2,149.82 | 2,480.57 | 2,976.68 |
| Capel St Mary | 1,008.35 | 1,176.40 | 1,344.46 | 1,512.52 | 1,848.64 | 2,184.75 | 2,520.87 | 3,025.04 |
| Chattisham | 972.53 | 1,134.62 | 1,296.71 | 1,458.80 | 1,782.98 | 2,107.16 | 2,431.33 | 2,917.60 |
| Chelmondiston | 1,001.78 | 1,168.74 | 1,335.71 | 1,502.67 | 1,836.60 | 2,170.52 | 2,504.45 | 3,005.34 |
| Chelsworth | 967.53 | 1,128.78 | 1,290.04 | 1,451.29 | 1,773.80 | 2,096.31 | 2,418.82 | 2,902.58 |
| Chilton | 995.27 | 1,161.14 | 1,327.02 | 1,492.90 | 1,824.66 | 2,156.41 | 2,488.17 | 2,985.80 |
| Cockfield | 1,005.21 | 1,172.74 | 1,340.28 | 1,507.81 | 1,842.88 | 2,177.95 | 2,513.02 | 3,015.62 |
| Copdock & Washbrook | 996.86 | 1,163.00 | 1,329.15 | 1,495.29 | 1,827.58 | 2,159.86 | 2,492.15 | 2,990.58 |
| East Bergholt | 1,019.88 | 1,189.86 | 1,359.84 | 1,529.82 | 1,869.78 | 2,209.74 | 2,549.70 | 3,059.64 |
| Edwardstone | 983.11 | 1,146.96 | 1,310.81 | 1,474.66 | 1,802.36 | 2,130.06 | 2,457.77 | 2,949.32 |
| Elmsett | 981.55 | 1,145.14 | 1,308.73 | 1,472.32 | 1,799.50 | 2,126.68 | 2,453.87 | 2,944.64 |
| Freston | 970.30 | 1,132.02 | 1,293.73 | 1,455.45 | 1,778.88 | 2,102.32 | 2,425.75 | 2,910.90 |
| Glemsford | 1,011.27 | 1,179.81 | 1,348.36 | 1,516.90 | 1,853.99 | 2,191.08 | 2,528.17 | 3,033.80 |
| Great Cornard | 1,009.73 | 1,178.02 | 1,346.31 | 1,514.60 | 1,851.18 | 2,187.76 | 2,524.33 | 3,029.20 |
| Great Waldingfield | 1,010.24 | 1,178.61 | 1,346.99 | 1,515.36 | 1,852.11 | 2,188.85 | 2,525.60 | 3,030.72 |
| Great Wenham | 960.33 | 1,120.38 | 1,280.44 | 1,440.49 | 1,760.60 | 2,080.71 | 2,400.82 | 2,880.98 |
| Groton | 982.71 | 1,146.49 | 1,310.28 | 1,474.06 | 1,801.63 | 2,129.20 | 2,456.77 | 2,948.12 |
| Hadleigh | 1,032.75 | 1,204.88 | 1,377.00 | 1,549.13 | 1,893.38 | 2,237.63 | 2,581.88 | 3,098.26 |
| Harkstead | 975.21 | 1,137.75 | 1,300.28 | 1,462.82 | 1,787.89 | 2,112.96 | 2,438.03 | 2,925.64 |
| Hartest | 991.16 | 1,156.35 | 1,321.55 | 1,486.74 | 1,817.13 | 2,147.51 | 2,477.90 | 2,973.48 |
| Higham | 960.33 | 1,120.38 | 1,280.44 | 1,440.49 | 1,760.60 | 2,080.71 | 2,400.82 | 2,880.98 |
| Hintlesham | 972.53 | 1,134.62 | 1,296.71 | 1,458.80 | 1,782.98 | 2,107.16 | 2,431.33 | 2,917.60 |
| Hitcham | 974.94 | 1,137.43 | 1,299.92 | 1,462.41 | 1,787.39 | 2,112.37 | 2,437.35 | 2,924.82 |
| Holbrook | 984.21 | 1,148.24 | 1,312.28 | 1,476.31 | 1,804.38 | 2,132.45 | 2,460.52 | 2,952.62 |

| Parish | Total Amount of Council Tax for 2015/16 | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 6/9 ths | 7/9 ths | 8/9 ths | | 11/9 ths | 13/9 ths | 15/9 ths | 18/9 ths |
| | Band A £ | Band B £ | Band C £ | Band D £ | Band E £ | Band F £ | Band G £ | Band H £ |
| Holton St Mary | 991.79 | 1,157.08 | 1,322.38 | 1,487.68 | 1,818.28 | 2,148.87 | 2,479.47 | 2,975.36 |
| Kersey | 985.10 | 1,149.28 | 1,313.47 | 1,477.65 | 1,806.02 | 2,134.38 | 2,462.75 | 2,955.30 |
| Kettlebaston | 978.65 | 1,141.75 | 1,304.86 | 1,467.97 | 1,794.19 | 2,120.40 | 2,446.62 | 2,935.94 |
| Lavenham | 1,013.63 | 1,182.56 | 1,351.50 | 1,520.44 | 1,858.32 | 2,196.19 | 2,534.07 | 3,040.88 |
| Lawshall | 973.79 | 1,136.08 | 1,298.38 | 1,460.68 | 1,785.28 | 2,109.87 | 2,434.47 | 2,921.36 |
| Layham | 984.37 | 1,148.44 | 1,312.50 | 1,476.56 | 1,804.68 | 2,132.81 | 2,460.93 | 2,953.12 |
| Leavenheath | 982.07 | 1,145.74 | 1,309.42 | 1,473.10 | 1,800.46 | 2,127.81 | 2,455.17 | 2,946.20 |
| Lindsey | 977.35 | 1,140.25 | 1,303.14 | 1,466.03 | 1,791.81 | 2,117.60 | 2,443.38 | 2,932.06 |
| Little Cornard | 981.52 | 1,145.11 | 1,308.69 | 1,472.28 | 1,799.45 | 2,126.63 | 2,453.80 | 2,944.56 |
| Little Waldingfield | 991.54 | 1,156.80 | 1,322.05 | 1,487.31 | 1,817.82 | 2,148.34 | 2,478.85 | 2,974.62 |
| Little Wenham | 960.33 | 1,120.38 | 1,280.44 | 1,440.49 | 1,760.60 | 2,080.71 | 2,400.82 | 2,880.98 |
| Long Melford | 1,017.59 | 1,187.18 | 1,356.78 | 1,526.38 | 1,865.58 | 2,204.77 | 2,543.97 | 3,052.76 |
| Milden | 971.46 | 1,133.37 | 1,295.28 | 1,457.19 | 1,781.01 | 2,104.83 | 2,428.65 | 2,914.38 |
| Monks Eleigh | 1,006.63 | 1,174.40 | 1,342.17 | 1,509.94 | 1,845.48 | 2,181.02 | 2,516.57 | 3,019.88 |
| Nayland with Wissington | 1,002.39 | 1,169.45 | 1,336.52 | 1,503.58 | 1,837.71 | 2,171.84 | 2,505.97 | 3,007.16 |
| Nedging with Naughton | 980.19 | 1,143.56 | 1,306.92 | 1,470.29 | 1,797.02 | 2,123.75 | 2,450.48 | 2,940.58 |
| Newton | 990.78 | 1,155.91 | 1,321.04 | 1,486.17 | 1,816.43 | 2,146.69 | 2,476.95 | 2,972.34 |
| Pinewood | 1,023.64 | 1,194.25 | 1,364.85 | 1,535.46 | 1,876.67 | 2,217.89 | 2,559.10 | 3,070.92 |
| Polstead | 992.29 | 1,157.68 | 1,323.06 | 1,488.44 | 1,819.20 | 2,149.97 | 2,480.73 | 2,976.88 |
| Preston St Mary | 988.58 | 1,153.34 | 1,318.11 | 1,482.87 | 1,812.40 | 2,141.92 | 2,471.45 | 2,965.74 |
| Raydon | 999.33 | 1,165.88 | 1,332.44 | 1,498.99 | 1,832.10 | 2,165.21 | 2,498.32 | 2,997.98 |
| Semer | 968.29 | 1,129.67 | 1,291.05 | 1,452.43 | 1,775.19 | 2,097.95 | 2,420.72 | 2,904.86 |
| Shelley | 960.33 | 1,120.38 | 1,280.44 | 1,440.49 | 1,760.60 | 2,080.71 | 2,400.82 | 2,880.98 |
| Shimpling | 984.75 | 1,148.87 | 1,313.00 | 1,477.12 | 1,805.37 | 2,133.62 | 2,461.87 | 2,954.24 |
| Shotley | 1,011.90 | 1,180.55 | 1,349.20 | 1,517.85 | 1,855.15 | 2,192.45 | 2,529.75 | 3,035.70 |
| Somerton | 967.31 | 1,128.53 | 1,289.75 | 1,450.97 | 1,773.41 | 2,095.85 | 2,418.28 | 2,901.94 |
| Sproughton | 1,021.97 | 1,192.29 | 1,362.62 | 1,532.95 | 1,873.61 | 2,214.26 | 2,554.92 | 3,065.90 |
| Stanstead | 996.89 | 1,163.03 | 1,329.18 | 1,495.33 | 1,827.63 | 2,159.92 | 2,492.22 | 2,990.66 |
| Stoke by Nayland | 986.29 | 1,150.68 | 1,315.06 | 1,479.44 | 1,808.20 | 2,136.97 | 2,465.73 | 2,958.88 |
| Stratford St Mary | 993.29 | 1,158.83 | 1,324.38 | 1,489.93 | 1,821.03 | 2,152.12 | 2,483.22 | 2,979.86 |
| Stutton | 984.03 | 1,148.04 | 1,312.04 | 1,476.05 | 1,804.06 | 2,132.07 | 2,460.08 | 2,952.10 |
| Sudbury | 1,054.95 | 1,230.77 | 1,406.60 | 1,582.42 | 1,934.07 | 2,285.72 | 2,637.37 | 3,164.84 |
| Tattingstone | 985.89 | 1,150.21 | 1,314.52 | 1,478.84 | 1,807.47 | 2,136.10 | 2,464.73 | 2,957.68 |
| Thorpe Morieux | 971.36 | 1,133.25 | 1,295.15 | 1,457.04 | 1,780.83 | 2,104.61 | 2,428.40 | 2,914.08 |
| Wattisham | 984.21 | 1,148.24 | 1,312.28 | 1,476.31 | 1,804.38 | 2,132.45 | 2,460.52 | 2,952.62 |
| Whatfield | 978.24 | 1,141.28 | 1,304.32 | 1,467.36 | 1,793.44 | 2,119.52 | 2,445.60 | 2,934.72 |
| Wherstead | 975.99 | 1,138.66 | 1,301.32 | 1,463.99 | 1,789.32 | 2,114.65 | 2,439.98 | 2,927.98 |
| Woolverstone | 978.31 | 1,141.36 | 1,304.41 | 1,467.46 | 1,793.56 | 2,119.66 | 2,445.77 | 2,934.92 |

65 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None received.

66 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Questions from Brian Riley to the Chairmen of Strategy and Joint Audit and Standards Committees, together with Supplementary Questions and Answers are included with these Minutes as Appendix 1.

67 RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

The Corporate Manager – Governance introduced a report from the Head of Corporate Organisation ([Paper P108](#)) setting out the recommendations of the Joint Constitution Review Working Group for re-wording Council Procedure Rule No 17 – Motions on Notice.

Members had before them an amended wording, for clarification, which had been circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting as Appendix A (revised).

RESOLVED

- (1) That Council Procedure Rule (CPR) 29.2 whereby any motion to add to, vary or revoke the CPRs shall stand adjourned without discussion to the next meeting be suspended for the duration of the meeting in accordance with CPR 29.1**
- (2) That the wording of Council Procedure Rule No. 17 be amended with immediate effect to that shown in Appendix A (revised) to Paper P108, as set out in Appendix 2 to these Minutes.**

68 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2015/16

The Strategic Director (Corporate) introduced [Paper P109](#) recommending the adoption of the single pay policy statement for 2015/16 for both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils.

RESOLVED

That the Pay Policy Statement for 2015/16 attached as Appendix 1 to Paper P109 be approved.

69 ACTION OUT OF MEETING

Appointment of Section 151 Officer for Babergh District Council

RESOLVED

That the urgent action taken by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of the Council as set out in [Paper P110](#) be approved.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 11.45 a.m.

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Chairman

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APPENDIX 1

MINUTE NO 66 – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Question from Brian Riley to the Chairman of Strategy Committee

In July last year an attempt was made to persuade Strategy Committee to approve the sale of Council property at substantially below its market value. The attempt was defeated due to the intervention of Councillors. It subsequently took months to complete the transaction indicating a complete indifference to the needs of our residents and tax payers and to the plight of the ultimate buyer who had contractors standing by.

What lessons were learned from the way the transaction was handled, what disciplinary action was taken against the people responsible for this attempted underpricing of the asset, what confidence do we have that this was a one off situation and not the exposure of continuous practice?

Answer

Councillor Riley's statement setting out his interpretation of events, followed by three questions based on that interpretation, appears to relate to a confidential item which was considered at the July meeting of the Strategy Committee. The questions make serious, unsubstantiated allegations about a transaction. If Councillor Riley provides me with any evidence of the allegations he made I will follow this up outside the meeting and ensure that he receives a full response whilst recognising the need for care and confidentiality in these matters.

Supplementary Question

Are you happy being a mouthpiece of the officers?

Answer

The Chairman of the Council indicated that a reply was not appropriate.

Question from Brian Riley to the Chairman of Strategy Committee

On 19th January the Joint Audit and Standards Committee expressed concern that the Council's proposed borrowing of £25,000,000 in 2015/2016 would commit over 30% of our Net Revenue Stream to funding finance costs.

Will the Council executive and leadership confirm that none of this £25,000,000 will be used to build, rent, refurbish or in any way be connected with a joint district headquarters or the implementation of a hub and spokes model of district government?

Answer

The intended use of the £25m, contained within the 2015/16 capital programme, is to identify investment opportunities that will generate a reasonable income return to the council, over and above the borrowing costs. This will provide the Council with an alternative source of income to replace the loss of Revenue Support Grant that has been identified in the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Strategy Committee agreed on 16th October 2014 for Phase B of the accommodation review to be undertaken, which would explore the 'hub and spokes' model with a view to final decisions being taken by the new Council after the election. The report to the new Council will set out the detail of the work that has been undertaken and will seek a decision from Members of the Council. This report will clearly identify whether there are any capital requirements as a result of the proposed course of action and Members will make their decision based on the information provided.

Supplementary

A simple yes or no would have been sufficient.

Answer

No.

Question from Brian Riley to the Chairman of Joint Audit and Standards Committee

On 10th November the Monitoring Officer reported to the Joint Audit and Standards Committee (Report Number: JAC42) that a complaint was made that Councillor "D" of Shotley Parish Council and Councillor "E" of Babergh District Council failed to declare disclosable pecuniary interests in breach of the Code of Conduct. The Monitoring Officer is awaiting the outcome of the investigation by the Suffolk Constabulary. (Complaint Ref: 39333 – Shotley Parish Council and Babergh District Council).

In the event of the Suffolk Constabulary deciding not to take any action, will the Monitoring Officer still investigate the alleged breach of conduct and recommend appropriate disciplinary action if such a breach was found to have taken place?

Answer

Councillor Riley's question refers to alleged breach of conduct. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that this allegation is subject to an on-going police investigation and as such I am unable to comment on this matter. In any event the Monitoring Officer is not in a position to prejudge the outcome of the on-going investigation and what action, if any, will be taken once the Suffolk Constabulary has completed its investigation.

Supplementary

Many Members are not standing for re-election. Don't you think it invidious that their residents might think, quite unfairly, that they could be the councillor against whom it is alleged that a pecuniary interest has not been declared?

Answer

I don't know what residents might think.

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APPENDIX 2

MINUTE NO 67 – RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

17 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

17.1 Notice

Except for motions which can be moved without notice under Rule 18, written notice of every motion, signed by at least 1 Member must be delivered to the Strategic Director (Corporate) not later than 7 clear working days (that is not counting the day of the meeting and the day of receipt) before the date of the meeting. Motions (except for those rejected under the provisions of 17.2 below) will be entered in a book open to public inspection.

17.2 Motion set out in Agenda

Motions for which notice has been given will be listed on the Agenda in the order in which notice was received, unless the Member giving notice states, in writing, that he/she proposes to move it to a later meeting or withdraw it save that the Strategic Director (Corporate) may reject any motion if she/he considers that it:-

- A) Does not relate to the business of the Council or affect the District;
- B) Is defamatory, frivolous or offensive; or
- C) Is a motion which the Council has no power to pass or which contravenes any provision in these Rules of Procedures.

17.3 If the subject matter of any motion in respect of which notice has been duly given falls within the terms of reference of any Committee it shall, upon being moved and seconded, stand referred to that Committee or to such other Committee or Committees as the Council may determine without discussion for initial consideration, investigation and further report back to the Council as soon as practical.

The Chairman may use discretion and allow the motion to be dealt with at the meeting at which it is brought forward. If the Member is not on the Committee then she/he should be invited to the relevant meeting.

17.4 Scope

Motions should be about matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which affect the District.