



COMMITTEE: **STRATEGY**

VENUE: **Council Chamber, Council Offices, Corks Lane, Hadleigh**

DATE/TIME: **Thursday, 17 October 2013 at 4.30 p.m.**

Members

Mr C W Arthey
Mr S R Barrett
Mr A C Bavington
Mr N A Bennett
Mrs S Carpendale

Mr J R B Cave
Mr A J Hinton
Ms J A Jenkins
Mrs A K Pollard
Mrs S M Wigglesworth

PLEASE NOTE START TIME OF MEETING

A G E N D A

ITEM

BUSINESS

PART I

1 **SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES**

Any Member attending as an approved substitute to report giving his/her name and the name of the Member being substituted.

To receive apologies for absence.

2 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

3 **MINUTES**

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on [12 September 2013](#) as a correct record.

4 **PETITIONS**

The Head of Corporate Organisation to report, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 13, the receipt of any petitions submitted to the Chief Executive.

5 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

The Chairman 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 the Committee of which due notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.15.4 (a) and (b).

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6	<p><u>RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES</u></p> <p><u>Review of Partnership Accountability (Joint Scrutiny Committee 2 October 2013)</u></p> <p>Paper JSC/16/13</p> <p>At its meeting on 2 October, the Joint Scrutiny Committee considered Paper JSC/16/13, which examined the performance and reporting arrangements linked to governance of the two Councils' Partnerships including Councillor representation on outside bodies. It excluded contractual arrangements.</p> <p>Members agreed unanimously that a review was needed and raised concerns regarding partners' understanding of what the Council could do for them; the differentiation between Members' community leadership roles and roles as Council Members; the potential for misunderstanding between an organisation and a Member; and financial implications. It was agreed that there was much expertise amongst Members but that this should be used in relation as to how partners' objectives fitted with the Councils' strategic priorities.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO STRATEGY COMMITTEE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That further work be carried out on the definition of partnerships. 2) That a review is needed so that there is a clear understanding of who we should be working with to deliver the Council's strategic priorities and the benefits and savings therein. 3) That the review should encompass both Councils' arrangements for Councillor representation on outside bodies. Further, it is suggested that a joint review is concluded by April 2013. In addition, a comprehensive list of all the Council's partnerships should be maintained with a clear understanding of the relationships. A policy with supporting procedures should be developed to cover all partnerships to determine the governance arrangements.
7	<p><u>WORK PLAN</u></p> <p>Paper N66</p> <p>Report by the Head of Corporate Organisation attached.</p>
8	<p><u>LEVEL OF COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT GRANT TO TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS FROM 2014/15 ONWARDS</u></p> <p>Paper N67</p> <p>Report by the Head of Corporate Resources attached.</p>

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9	<u>CITY DEALS</u>
	The Strategic Director (Place) to report that work is progressing in the development of the Greater Ipswich City Deal and the Deal document will shortly be in a position to be signed off by the respective partners.
	It is recommended that the Strategic Director (Place), in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to sign off and advise the Cabinet Office of the agreement to the final document on behalf of Babergh District Council.
10	<u>HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY</u>
Paper N68	Report by the Head of Housing attached.
11	<u>MORTGAGE RESCUE SCHEME SYNDICATION</u>
Paper N69	Report by the Head of Housing attached.
12	<u>DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR PURCHASE OF A DWELLING</u>
Paper N70	Report by the Head of Housing attached.
13	<u>SUFFOLK WASTE PARTNERSHIP INTER AUTHORITY AGREEMENT</u>
Paper N71	Report by the Head of Environment attached.
14	<u>PLANNING REVIEW BUSINESS CASE</u>
Paper N72	Report by the Head of Economy attached.
15	<u>A JOINT GYPSY AND TRAVELLER STEERING GROUP FOR BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK COUNCILS</u>
Paper N73	Report by the Head of Economy attached.
16	<u>PROPOSED APPROACH TO A REVIEW OF THE COUNCILS' ACCOMMODATION NEEDS AND ASSETS</u>
Paper N74	Report by the Strategic Director (Corporate) attached.

For further information on any of the Part 1 items listed above, please contact Linda Sheppard on (01473) 826610 or via e-mail at committee.services@babergh.gov.uk