

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON MONDAY, 20 JUNE 2011

PRESENT: Ms J A Jenkins – Chairman

Dr M F M Bamford	Mr A J Hinton
Mr A C Bavington	Mrs A K Pollard
Mr P K Beer	Mr N A Ridley
Mr N A Bennett	

Mrs J Antill, Mrs S Carpendale, Mrs S M Wigglesworth and Mr L H Young were unable to be present.

12 SUBSTITUTES

It was noted that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 5, substitutes were in attendance as follows:-

Dr M F M Bamford (substituting for Mrs S Carpendale)

Mr P K Beer (substituting for Mrs J Antill).

13 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

14 PETITIONS

None received.

15 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

16 ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

None received.

17 LOCAL POLL OUTCOME AND NEXT STEPS

The Chief Executive introduced [Paper L27](#), a report by the Joint Member Implementation Board informing the Strategy Committee of the outcome of the Local Poll.

Attached to the report as Appendix A was a letter, dated 7 June 2011, from the Electoral Reform Services which set out the results of the poll.

In summary, and in round terms:-

- 45% of Babergh residents voted
- 43% of Mid Suffolk residents voted

- Across the two districts as a whole 49.7% voted yes, 50.3% voted no
- Babergh residents who voted, voted against the merger by a ratio of approximately 60/40
- Mid Suffolk residents who voted, voted for the merger by a ratio of approximately 60/40

It was noted that the business case will be revisited to review the savings that both Council's need to deliver and the focus will be on how this can be achieved with the maximum savings from integration and transformation and the approach to this.

A Joint Member meeting (to be held in late June/early July) to consider the budget options for dealing with the tough financial challenges ahead will involve Babergh's Political Leaders' Group and the Strategic and Financial Planning Task Group members and Mid Suffolk's portfolio holders.

RESOLVED

That the outcome of the poll be noted and the next steps as set out in section 9 of [Paper L27](#) be endorsed.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 2.30 p.m.

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Chairman