

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON THURSDAY, 12 APRIL 2012

PRESENT: Ms J A Jenkins – Chairman

Mrs J Antill	Mr A J Hinton
Dr M F M Bamford	Mr N A Ridley
Mr A C Bavington	Mr D C Rose
Mr N A Bennett	Mr L H Young
Mrs S Carpendale	

The following Members were unable to be present:-

Mrs A K Pollard and Mrs S M Wigglesworth.

100 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 A K Pollard)
Mr D C Rose (substituting for Mrs S M Wigglesworth)

101 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

102 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 [February 2012](#) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

103 PETITIONS

None received.

104 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

105 ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

None received.

106 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

New Joint Corporate Enforcement Policy (Overview and Scrutiny (Community Services) Committee)

The Head of Corporate Organisation submitted a report (Paper [L169](#)) recommending the introduction of a revised Joint Corporate Enforcement Policy for Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils.

The Committee suggested minor changes to the wording in respect of:-

Paragraph 3.3 – powers only being used for which Parliament intended.

5.1.1 – add the word “formal” between the words “warrant” and “action”

5.2.1 – add the following after the first bullet point “minor or of a technical nature”.

5.4.3 – amend the wording so that the “same person” sense is used

6.2 – include scope, where possible, for consultation with Ward Members

General – wording to be included at an appropriate point relating to :

- timely action being taken
- Members being kept informed of progress
- explanation of what a “Primary Authority” is

RESOLVED

That, subject to the changes referred to above, the Joint Corporate Enforcement Policy attached as Appendix A to [Paper L169](#) be adopted with immediate effect.

107 ALIGNMENT OF STRATEGIC PRIORTIES AND DELIVERY PLAN 2012/13

The Head of Corporate Organisation submitted a report ([Paper L171](#)) providing Members with an opportunity to consider and review the outputs from the developmental work undertaken by officers in aligning the existing Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Strategic Plans and Priorities to provide a basis for the integration of operational teams for the transitional year 2012/13.

The priorities are underpinned by a Joint Delivery Plan for 2012/13 (Appendix A to [Paper L171](#)) which highlights the key outcomes expected for each of the five community focused strategic priorities, with associated objectives, measurable actions, and risks of non-achievement.

It was noted that the Mid Suffolk District Council Executive Committee at its meeting on 10 April 2012 approved the report subject to, in the fifth bullet point under outcomes on page 9 of Appendix A, the word “problematic” be changed to “troubled and vulnerable”.

During consideration of this matter a number of suggestions to Appendix A to [Paper L171](#) were suggested which the officers agreed to investigate further.

Clarification was also sought on whether the figures referred to in Appendix A were a total for the two authorities or whether they related to individual Councils. The Head of Corporate Organisation to provide clarification regarding the detailed performance measures as an appendix to the more detailed Performance Monitoring and Reporting Framework 2012/13 report to be submitted to the May meeting.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the aligned Strategic Priorities for 2012/13 as set out in paragraph 9.1 of [Paper L171](#) be approved.**
- (2) That the associated Joint Delivery Plan for 2012/13 set out at Appendix A to Paper L171 be approved subject to clarification over the detailed performance measures.**
- (3) That the Head of Corporate Organisation be authorised to make any minor amendments to the Delivery Plan.**

108 UPDATE ON RECRUITMENT OF TIER 4 APPOINTMENTS

The Interim Transformation Director submitted a report ([Paper L172](#)) providing an update on the progress being made towards the establishment of a new joint Tier 4 management structure across Babergh District Council and Mid Suffolk District Council.

During consideration of this item Members raised a number of queries relating to the process. In the circumstances it was proposed and seconded that the press and public be excluded from that part of the meeting to enable answers to be provided.

RESOLVED

That pursuant to Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for part of the business relating to the update on recruitment of Tier 4 appointments contained in [Paper L172](#) on the grounds that if the public were present during this, it was likely that there would be the disclosure to them of exempt information.

The Committee was also satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information (Paragraph 4 of Part 1).

The press and public were then re-admitted to the meeting.

RESOLVED

That the contents of [Paper L172](#) be noted and that the process be completed without further delay.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 11.25 a.m.

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Chairman