

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON THURSDAY, 14 MARCH 2013

PRESENT: Ms J A Jenkins – Chairman

Dr M F M Bamford	Mr N A Ridley
Mr S R Barrett	Mr A J Ward
Mr A C Bavington	Mrs S M Wigglesworth
Mrs S Carpendale	Mr L H Young
Mr A J Hinton	

Mr N A Bennett and Mrs A K Pollard were unable to be present.

120 SUBSTITUTES

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

Mr A J Ward (substituting for Mr N A Bennett)  
Dr M F M Bamford (substituting for Mrs A K Pollard)

121 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mr A C Bavington declared a non pecuniary interest in respect of Minute No. 135 below (Paper M170) as a member of Great Cornard Parish Council but indicated that his interests were such that he was able to speak and vote on the matter.

Mr A J Hinton declared a non pecuniary interest in respect of Minute No. 130 below (Paper M165) as he was the Council's representative on the Haven Gateway Partnership and Dryport Steering Group but indicated that his interests were such that he was able to speak and vote on the matter.

Dr M F M Bamford declared a non pecuniary interest in respect of Minute No. 130 below (Paper M165) as he was the Council's substitute representative on the Haven Gateway Partnership and Dryport Steering Group but indicated that his interests were such that he was able to speak and vote on the matter.

122 MINUTES

**RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on [14 February 2013](#) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

123 PETITIONS

None received.

124 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

125 ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

None received.

126 WORK PLAN

The Head of Corporate Organisation submitted a report ([Paper M161](#)) on items identified for the Strategy Committee.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Work Plan set out in Paper M161 be noted.**

127 APPROVAL OF DRAFT STRATEGIC PRIORITY OUTCOMES

The Head of Corporate Organisation submitted a report ([Paper M162](#)) outlining the further work that had been carried out to refine the draft versions of the Vision, Strategic Priorities and developing outcomes for Babergh District Council.

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

**That the revised draft vision, strategic priorities and outcomes as set out in paragraphs 8.1 and 8.2 of [Paper M162](#) be adopted subject to:**

- **The deletion of the words “and wildlife” in proposed outcome G in the Economy and Environment priority.**

128 RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

The Head of Corporate Organisation submitted a report ([Paper M163](#)) on the work undertaken by the Joint Constitutional Review Working Group. Circulated at the meeting were (Version 10) copies of the latest Babergh and Mid Suffolk Committee Structures.

It was noted that the Working Group were still continuing their work and would be developing terms of reference of the various committees and working groups. The Overview and Scrutiny (Stewardship) Committee would also be considering the matter and making recommendations to Council.

**RESOLVED**

**That the proposals contained in [Paper M163](#), together with the revised structures be supported.**

129 SUFFOLK GROWTH STRATEGY

The Strategic Director (Place) submitted a report ([Paper M164](#)) requesting endorsement of the Suffolk Growth Strategy in order to provide a clear strategic focus for the promotion of economic growth in Suffolk across all local authorities.

The Strategy will be underpinned by a delivery plan to be developed jointly between all local authorities in Suffolk to identify the actions needed in order to deliver the outcomes in the Strategy and the shared vision for economic growth in Suffolk.

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

**That the Suffolk Growth Strategy, a joint economic growth strategy developed by the County, District and Borough Councils in Suffolk as attached to [Paper M164](#) be approved.**

130 FUTURE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HAVEN GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP

The Strategic Director (Place) submitted a report ([Paper M165](#)) requesting the Committee to make a decision on the future membership of the Haven Gateway Partnership for Babergh District Council for 2013/14.

**RESOLVED**

**That Babergh District Council remains a member of the Haven Gateway Partnership for 2013/14 and agrees to continue with the current membership contribution of £5,000.**

131 FOOD SAFETY AND HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICE PLANS

The Head of Environment submitted a report ([Paper M166](#)) requesting approval to the joint Mid Suffolk and Babergh Food Safety and Health and Safety service plans for 2013/14.

**RESOLVED**

**That the joint Mid Suffolk and Babergh Food Safety and Health and Safety service plans attached to [Paper M166](#) be approved.**

132 BABERGH PLANNING POLICY DOCUMENTS – REVISED PLAN PROGRAMME (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – LDS)

The Head of Economy submitted a report ([Paper M167](#)) advising Members of an updated Local Development Scheme (LDS) and timetable which is proposed for agreement as a formal, revised update to the approved LDS.

The report recommends that preparation of the Development Management Policies and Site Specific Allocations documents be progressed and that a review of the Statement of Community Involvement now be prepared.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the preparation of a Babergh District Council Development Management Policies document; a Site Specific Allocations document; and a reviewed Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), and all other associated supporting documents (including sustainability appraisal, evidence base etc as required) be agreed.**
- (2) That the supporting, revised timetable for progressing these documents towards adoption (in the form of the attached 'Local Development Scheme' (LDS) at Appendix A) be approved.**

133 ACTION OUT OF MEETING

Response to Consultation

[Paper M168](#) was submitted relating to action that had been taken out of meeting in response to a consultation under Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 in respect of the East Anglia Offshore Windfarm.

**RESOLVED**

**That the action out of meeting referred to in Paper M168 be noted.**

134 EAST ANGLIA ONE OFFSHORE WINDFARM: RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

The Strategic Director (Place) submitted a report ([Paper M169](#)) advising Members of the potential impact of the proposals upon the area and to inform them of the response provided to the Planning Inspectorate in order to meet the consultation deadline of 6 March 2013 in respect of the East Anglia ONE Offshore Windfarm proposals.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That, the comments set out in points (a) to (h) below be noted as forming the basis of the summary response provided to the Planning Inspectorate in response to a consultation under Section 56 of the Planning Act, 2008:-**
  - (a) The District Councils welcome the potentially significant socio-economic benefits that the East Anglia ONE proposal and future phases of the development are likely to bring to the area but urge East Anglia Offshore Wind Limited to work with the relevant local authorities and agencies to ensure that the requisite infrastructure and workforce is available to serve the project.**
  - (b) The District Councils note that East Anglia ONE has engaged with the promoters of the glasshouse project but would strongly urge that an agreement is reached on the routing of the cables and ducts before the commencement of the preliminary hearing.**

- (c) **The District Councils press for the early resolution of highway issues in line with the observations made by Suffolk County Council.**
  - (d) **The District Councils strongly urge East Anglia ONE to undertake extensive mitigation works to off-set the landscape and ecological impacts of the proposed development, and in order to make the scheme acceptable in planning terms agree to the completion of a legal agreement to this effect.**
  - (e) **The District Councils have considerable reservations in relation to the height and scale of the proposed converter station at Bramford Sub-Station and strongly consider that the structure should be lowered into the ground as much as possible.**
  - (f) **The District Councils press for the completion of the archaeological field evaluation on the proposed converter station site and the incorporation of substantive mitigation measures along the cable corridor route to safeguard heritage assets.**
  - (g) **The District Councils expect the outstanding issues in relation to noise, vibration and air quality be resolved as soon as possible, and**
  - (h) **The District Councils request that footpath diversions and closures be kept to a minimum during the construction stage.**
- (2) That, it be noted that the Strategic Director (Place) in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee and Strategy Committee, will continue to work in partnership with colleagues from other authorities to ensure that outstanding issues are resolved for the benefit of Suffolk residents.**

135 CONFIRMATION OF Highbury Barn Article 4(1) Direction

The Head of Economy submitted a report ([Paper M170](#)) relating to the results of the recent public consultation on an Article 4(1) Direction issued for the former Highbury Barn Public House, 46 Canhams Road, Great Cornard.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Article 4(1) Direction relating to the former Highbury Barn Public House, 4 Canhams Road, Great Cornard be confirmed with immediate effect.**

Note: The meeting adjourned between 11.05 a.m. and 11.25 a.m. for refreshments.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 12.30 p.m.

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Chairman