

To Chairman & Parish Councillors – Holbrook Parish Council  
From Councillor Mary McLaren

18 October 2021

### **Babergh District Council Meeting – 21 September 2021**

- Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councillors gave the go ahead to a new Wellbeing Strategy - building upon the council's continued commitment to helping residents live happy, healthy and independent lives.
- Election of Chairman of Babergh Licensing and Regulatory Committee - Councillor Margaret Maybury was appointed as Chair of the above committee.
- Proposals to streamline the Neighbourhood Plan process were approved by Babergh Councillors - supporting their ongoing ambition for residents to help shape the development in their communities.
- The Joint Local Plan - The Hearing Sessions for the public examination of our Joint Local Plan have resumed. Sessions are being held virtually enabling them to be fully inclusive, whilst ensuring public safety and are being live streamed in real time on the council's Joint Local Plan YouTube Channel should you wish to follow the plan's progress.
- The Pay Policy Report in relation to Senior Officer Pay was debated however the vote for implementation was lost.
- Motion on Notice – After five years of the current leadership/cabinet governance model the council believes it is time to review how effectively this is working an assess it against a committee governance model. The Constitution Working Group and officers have been instructed to define the details, including benefits and disadvantages of an improved cabinet model and a suitable committee model. This will be reported to the first full Council Meeting after 20 December 2021 with these two options to allow the council to decide which it prefers with a view to implementing any changes at the annual council meeting in May 2022.

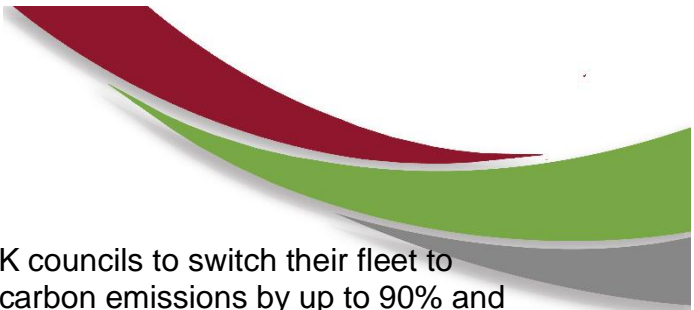
### **Other Business**

- Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils received national awards for innovative support to residents during Covid and beyond. Silver for service improvements in Planning Enforcement and Gold for the Virtual High Street Initiative.
- The Business Innovation Support Scheme to boost business growth can be accessed on-line for independent businesses on and off the high street.



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- Babergh and Mid-Suffolk are the first rural UK councils to switch their fleet to Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) Slashing carbon emissions by up to 90% and supporting the council's carbon neutral aims.
  - Having your say on the Parking Strategy is important for the council to understand your concerns in relation to Parking. In our villages, places to park are not often accessible as we do not always have designated car parks. Grass verges and narrow country lanes often have to suffer from indiscriminate parking causing a nuisance and danger to pedestrians, children and other road users. Have your say and give feedback via the on-line questionnaire on the council's website.

We still are very grateful to all our voluntary groups who continue to support our residents in various ways even though many of the Covid Restrictions have been lifted.

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7 October 2021.



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