

District Council Report

[Babergh 5 Year Housing Land Supply](#)

Babergh have released their latest 5-year housing land supply position which demonstrates that the council currently have a **deliverable supply for 6.86 years**. The Council are required to supply 2116 units and actually have enough approved applications to deliver 2902 units

[Babergh votes against Senior Leadership Team Pay Rise](#)

Councillors were asked to vote for a pay rise that would have been c20% for the Senior staff at Babergh and Mid Suffolk. This would have increased the wages of the Directors and CEO by c£20,000 a year. An independent assessment by the East of England Local Government Authority (EELGA) had highlighted that the Senior Team at BMSDC are out of line with other similar councils and will experience difficulties employing staff. However a significant majority of Babergh Councillors felt that such a pay rise would be wrong at a time when people are struggling and losing their jobs while Council Tax is increasing, and charges are being implemented for parking.land

[Cabinet or Committee System](#)

The Council have agreed to review the Governance system being used at the Council. The current Cabinet system has been in place for nearly five years now and following a motion from Councillor Lindsay calling for a return to the Committee system it was agreed that the constitutional working group would come up with a choice of a committee system and a revised cabinet system which will be debated at the first full council meeting in the New Year.

In the short term the leader of the Council has increased the Conservative Councillors on the Cabinet by two while Councillor Liz Malvisi has remained on the cabinet but has left the Conservative Group.

[Considerate Constructors Scheme](#)

On the 21st September Council meeting I submitted a motion asking the Council to sign up as a client partner of the Considerate Constructor Scheme. This scheme aims to achieve best practice in the industry, particularly around areas of Safety, The Community, The Environment, and the Workforce. By becoming a Client Partner it demonstrates that the Council is an organisation that proactively chooses to demonstrate its commitment to raising standards in the construction industry.

[Corks Lane](#)

It has been confirmed that there are still some non-material amendments to the planning consent that are in hand with the planning team. Some of the buildings are listed and work on these also still need listed building consent and LPA approval. The Council are also awaiting tenders from contractors, but the deadline for this has been extended to allow for the affects of Brexit and Covid on the construction industry.

[Council commits to reducing light emitted](#)

The Council have committed to reducing streetlight intensity across their districts – protecting plant and wildlife, and reducing energy use, in line with biodiversity and climate change ambitions. This will include additional lighting control guidance within their Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), currently in development, was also approved.