Direction

Direction of the Chief Executive of Babergh District Council under:

- 1. The Housing Benefit Regulations 2006, Regulation 83A, 88A and Schedule 11
- 2. The Council Tax Benefit Regulations 2006, Regulation 64A, 74A and Schedule 9
- 3. The Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006, Regulation 64A, 69A and Schedule 10
- 4. The Council Tax Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006, Regulation 53A, 59A and Schedule 8

Mid Suffolk District / Babergh District / Ipswich Borough Council ("the Authority") in accordance with paragraph 2 of each of the above Schedules to each of the above Regulations ("the 2006 Regulations") hereby makes the following directions:

- An individual who, in accordance with the 2006 Regulations, makes a claim for Housing Benefit and / or Council Tax Benefit under the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 is authorised to:
 - a. Notify their intention to make such a claim
 - b. Make a claim
 - c. Provide any evidence or information relating to any claim
 - d. Notify any relevant change of circumstances relating to any claim
 - e. Provide further details regarding any claim or change of circumstances.

By electronic communication, provided that the individual uses the method approved by the Authority in relation to the claim.

- 2. The methods approved by the Authority are set out in the "Benefits" section of the Authority's website and are respectively:
 - a. The methods approved by the Authority for:
 - i. Authenticating the identify of the individual making the electronic communication
 - ii. Submitting the information
 - iii. Authenticating the delivery of the information
 - iv. The means of electronic communication
 - b. The form approved by the Authority in which the information is to be delivered.

Charlie Adan, Chief Executive of Babergh District Council

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