Direction

Direction of the Chief Executive of Ipswich Borough 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:-

- 1. 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 as set out in the "Benefits" section of the Authority's web site and are respectively:
 - a. The methods approved by the Authority for:
 - i. Authenticating the identity 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.

Signed by Justell WW , Date 4/3/2013

Chief Executive.

Ipswich Borough Council