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Full Council

Members: All Councillors

Members are invited to a **Meeting of the Full Council**
to be held in the Deben Conference Room, East Suffolk House, Melton
on **Wednesday, 22 February 2023 at 6.30pm**

This meeting will be broadcast to the public via the East Suffolk YouTube
Channel at <https://youtu.be/5h6CIPHkgl5>

An Agenda is set out below.

Part One – Open to the Public

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- 1 Apologies for Absence**
To receive apologies for absence, if any.

2 Declarations of Interest

Members and Officers are invited to make any declarations of interests, and the nature of that interest, that they may have in relation to items on the Agenda and are also reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the Meeting if it becomes apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue is considered.

3 Minutes

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To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 January 2023.

4 Announcements

To receive any announcements from the Chairman, the Leader of the Council, members of the Cabinet, or the Chief Executive, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 5.1(e).

5 Questions from the Public

No questions have been submitted by the electorate as provided by Council Procedure Rule 8.

6 Questions from Members

The following questions from Members have been submitted in pursuance of Council Procedure Rule 9:

a) Question submitted by Councillor Janet Craig to Councillor Stephen Burroughes, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Customer Experience, IT and Operational Partnerships

100 car parking spaces in Sudbury and Stowmarket have been covered in solar panels to help power two Council owned Leisure Centres and provide Electric Vehicle charging points for Leisure Centre users, providing a useful income stream. This was achieved using part funding from two Government schemes.

This sounds like a positive move to support not only residents but also the visitor economy, so what is there to prevent this Council from following the example from colleagues in Babergh & Mid-Suffolk, and applying to these two sources of grant funding (Getting Building Fund and Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme). We could then do something similar at our Leisure Centres, and also potentially expand the existing EV provision at other Council premises?

b) Question submitted by Councillor David Beavan for Councillor Richard Kerry, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing

Your Housing Strategy 2017 to 2023 aimed to increase our council house stock from 4,479 to 5,200. How is that coming along?

c) Question submitted by Councillor David Beavan for Councillor Norman Brooks, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Transport

Four years ago, you agreed to apply for a resident's parking scheme in Southwold. How is that coming along?

d) Question submitted by Councillor David Beavan for Councillor Letitia Smith, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Communities, Leisure and Tourism

Community transport is great for the retired, but working age people and the young need buses operating all day. Rural transport was the number one priority when Community Partnerships were set up three years ago. It was still number one at last month's rural "ease the squeeze" workshop. How is that coming along?

e) Question submitted by Councillor Caroline Topping for Councillor Steve Gallant, Leader of the Council

I am pleased to see that the government are now supplying the extra funding to cover the costs incurred by the new regulations around voters needing to supplying photo ID at the next elections and onwards. What will be the new 'set up' of the polling stations bearing in mind this additional work? By set up I mean numbers of staff, how the actual environment will be arranged, how the information will be asked for and what will happen if the voter does not have the ID.

f) Question submitted by Councillor Peter Byatt for Councillor Craig Rivett, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development

A two-page advertisement from Nuclear Waste Services was published In the Lowestoft Journal of 3rd February 2023, seeking possible locations for a Geological Disposal Facility. What stance does this Administration intend to take on the possibility of Nuclear Waste being buried underground in our District?

g) Question submitted by Councillor Rachel Smith-Lyte for Councillor David Ritchie, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Planning and Coastal Management

Many local authorities in England are deciding to drop the questionable practice of allowing the submission of duplicate planning applications which, perhaps deliberately, confuses communities and obfuscates the consultation process. When will East Suffolk Council follow suit?

7 Petitions

No petitions have been received as provided by Council Procedure Rule 10.

8 Notices of Motion

The following Motion has been submitted in pursuance of Council Procedure Rule 11:

Saving our Coastal Communities

Proposer: Councillor David Beavan, Seconder: Councillor Tom Daly

This Council Notes:

- Following the likely implementation of the Second Homes 100% premium, it is anticipated that the council tax income resulting from the 4,096 second homes in East Suffolk will increase East Suffolk Council revenue by well over £700k. We acknowledge that the exact figure will be dependent on customer behaviour.
- The Second Homes 100% premium is also anticipated to increase council tax income of £5.85m for the Suffolk County Council and £1m for the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner.
- That Norfolk County Council have previously given a portion of the council tax they collected on second homes back to the District Council to fund local regeneration and community projects. North Norfolk District Council's November Cabinet recommended that if this premium is introduced, 'the additional income would be ring-fenced for affordable housing'[1], using new council tax to protect their communities.

This Council resolves to:

- Explore the option of ringfencing this additional income to fund Community Land Trusts to provide local social housing for rent in the wards affected by second homes.
- As per the precedent set by Norfolk County Council, to reach out to Suffolk County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner to explore the possibility of working together to utilise the entire increase in council tax income to provide local social housing.

[1] Printed minutes: Agenda for Council on Wednesday 16th November 2022, 6pm.

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Part Two – Exempt/Confidential

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There are no Exempt or Confidential items for this Agenda.

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Chris Bally, Chief Executive

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