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# Full Council

Members: All Councillors

Members are invited to a **Meeting of the Full Council**  
to be held on **Wednesday, 24 March 2021 at 6:30pm**

This meeting will be conducted remotely, pursuant to the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

The meeting will be facilitated using the Zoom video conferencing system and broadcast via the East Suffolk Council YouTube channel at  
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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 Disclosable Pecuniary or Local Non-Pecuniary Interests 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 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).

### **4 Questions from the Public**

The following questions have been submitted by the public in pursuance of Council Procedure Rule 8:

#### (a) Question from Ms T Smith to the Cabinet Member with responsibility for The Environment

East Suffolk Council has declared a climate emergency, and as part of that pledge has committed to work with Government to a) deliver its 25 year Environmental Plan and b) increase the powers and resources available to local authorities in order to make the 2030 target easier to achieve. Does the Council agree that the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill provides a suitable framework to achieve both the Council's and the government's aims with the required urgency and scale of response?

#### (b) Question from Mr J Valentine to the Cabinet Member with responsibility for The Environment

The Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill provides the opportunity to assess and account for all Climate and Ecological costs now and into the future, and invites us to start the work of repairing the damage that's been done, and preventing further damage. Does the Council consider that the proposals and innovations contained within the CEE Bill will contribute towards improving the quality of life for current and future generations of East Suffolk residents, or does the Council think they would prefer for us to delay starting work on this necessary and inevitable task, in case something better comes along?

### **5 Questions from Members**

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

#### (a) Question from Councillor Janet Craig to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development

The Government has acknowledged that some parts of England need a boost to 'level up', to spread prosperity more evenly, and we have seen that with the welcome award of £24.9 million from the Town's Fund to Lowestoft.

How will East Suffolk Council, charged with managing that significant grant, ensure that it makes the maximum material difference to the livelihoods of the

substantial number of Lowestoft residents that the Government has recognised as being deprived, left behind or just managing?

(b) Question from Councillor Louise Gooch to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development

This Council needs to ensure that it engages effectively with residents of Greater Lowestoft during the development of the Business Case for the Town's Fund. Therefore, how will this Council gain the trust of local people that the many developments proposed in the various plans for the area are not done **to** or **for** the people of Lowestoft, but **with** them?

To kick-start this greater public engagement, this Council owns the old Lowestoft Post Office building, so what is to prevent our building being used as a temporary 'drop-in centre'?

This would enable residents across the age-groups to see how all of the plans for Greater Lowestoft are interlinked, and would then offer the opportunity for them to engage with Officers and to submit comments.

## 6 Petitions

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

## 7 Notices of Motion

The following Motion has been submitted by Councillor Rachel Smith-Lyte in pursuance of Council Procedure Rule 11:

### **Council notes that**

- i. This council has declared a climate and ecological emergency;
- ii. Many local authorities have established Citizens' Assemblies that are playing an important role in assisting them in their plans to achieve net zero by 2030 or before; and that
- iii. There is a Bill before Parliament - the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (published as the "Climate and Ecology Bill") - according to which the Government must develop an emergency strategy that:
  - a. requires that the UK plays its fair and proper role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with limiting global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial temperatures;
  - b. ensures that all the UK's consumption emissions are accounted for;
  - c. includes emissions from aviation and shipping;
  - d. protects and restores biodiverse habitats along overseas supply chains;
  - e. restores and regenerates the UK's depleted soils, wildlife habitats and species populations to healthy and robust states, maximising their capacity to absorb CO2 and their resistance to climate heating;
  - f. sets up an independent Citizens' Assembly, representative of the UK's population, to engage with Parliament and Government and help develop the emergency strategy.

### **Council therefore resolves to:**

- i. Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

- ii. Inform the local media of this decision;
- iii. Write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill; and
- iv. Write to the CEE Bill Alliance, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support ([campaign@ceebill.uk](mailto:campaign@ceebill.uk)).

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## Part Two – Exempt/Confidential

There are no Exempt or Confidential items for this Agenda.

**Close**



Stephen Baker, Chief Executive

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