

Full Council

Members are invited to a **Meeting of the Full Council** to be held in the Conference Room, Riverside, Lowestoft on **Wednesday**, **22 November 2023** at **6.30pm**

This meeting will be broadcast to the public via the East Suffolk YouTube Channel at <u>https://youtube.com/live/hypualzJtwk?feature=share</u>

Members:

All Councillors

An Agenda is set out below.

Part One – Open to the Public

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

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2023.

4 Announcements

To receive any announcements from the Chair, 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.

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6 Questions from Members

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

Question from Councillor Graham Parker to Councillor Toby Hammond, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development and Transport

Supporting the transition to electric vehicles (EVs) plays a significant role in helping the UK to meet its Net Zero targets, but progress so far has been slow. While the Government estimates the UK will need 300,000 EV charge points by 2035, when the sale of new petrol and diesel cars will be banned, current figures show the UK has fewer than 40,000 publicly accessible EV charge points.

With a mere 13% of the target achieved so far, accelerating the current roll-out pace is more important than ever.

What is the plan to install sufficient EV charging infrastructure in East Suffolk, and given there are just three public charging points in our own carparks throughout the entire District, when can we see that useful facility and income stream increasing?

Question from Councillor Alan Green to Councillor Kay Yule, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Planning and Coastal Management

The cost of a planning application for alterations to a domestic property is £206.00. The planning committee of the Parish of Kessingland has recently recommended for approval an application for the fitting of a heat pump. I believe this is the first stand-alone application to upgrade a heating system in Kessingland at a domestic property.

Due to the high cost of the pumps, and also the expense of installation, would the council consider waiving the cost of applications for heat pumps to encourage residents to apply? This will also support the Council's Climate Emergency Declaration in its endeavour to get to Net Zero.

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:

Motion from Councillor Tess Gandy to be seconded by Councillor Peter Byatt

This Council notes that:

1. The Public Services (Social Value) Act of 2012 allows the Council to take into consideration, in the award of procurement contracts, any offer of additional community benefit which is over and above the specified requirements where these meet the Council's priorities.

2. Since 2022 East Suffolk's 'Procurement and Contract Management Strategy' has embedded Social Value as a key consideration, with a positive weighting, into its procurement decisions. Beyond considering price alone, its spending power is now used to produce wider benefits that directly improve local communities, the local economy, and the environment.

3. Around 17.5% of public procurement contracts in the UK with a combined value of £37.5bn have been won by companies with links to tax havens, harming our economy by extracting tax receipts and significantly reducing the contributions that support vital public services.

This Council resolves to:

1. Promote and expect transparent, exemplary tax conduct from its suppliers and their supply chains;

2. Use the Social Value Act to integrate tax status further into our procurement process by giving weighting, as appropriate, based on a supplier's ethics and how and where they pay their tax when undertaking a buying decision, alongside considerations on other social value offers, value for money and the quality of service provided and

3. Report on the implementation and progress of social value benefits gained through procurement decisions on an annual basis.

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| 14 | Appointment of Chief Finance Officer and Section 151 Officer ES/1741 Report of the Leader of Council | 511 - 515 |
| 15 | East Suffolk Council's Food and Health & Safety Service Plan 2023-2024 ES/1743 Report of Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health | 516 - 603 |
| 16 | Cabinet Members' Report and Outside Bodies Representatives' Report to Council ES/1736 Report of the Leader of the Council. | 604 - 626 |
| 17 | Exempt/Confidential Items It is recommended that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act. | |

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• Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

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Chris Bally, Chief Executive

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Questions must be submitted in writing or by email to the Proper Officer no later than midday ten working days before the date of the meeting. Each question must give the name and address of the questioner and must name the member of the Council to whom it is to be put. The scope of questions that can be considered can be found in the Council Procedure Rules set out in Part 3 of the <u>East Suffolk Council Constitution</u>.

Although the deadline has passed for questions to be submitted for this meeting of the Full Council, you are able to submit questions for a future meeting. Details on the deadlines for submitting questions to all of the Council's scheduled meetings can be found <u>on our website</u>.

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