

East Suffolk House, Riduna Park, Station Road, Melton, Woodbridge, IP12 1RT

Full	Council	

Members:	All Councillors	

Members are invited to a Meeting of the Full Council to be held on Wednesday, 27 January 2021 at 6:30 pm

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 https://youtu.be/YJw-ZZ-R4zo.

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 Minutes

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 November 2020

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:

a) Question from Councillor Beavan to the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Resources:

Whilst we welcome visitors and most second homeowners who contribute to and care for our communities, there are a few who leave their homes empty and pretend to be businesses to avoid paying council tax or rates. They can register as a business for rates by just saying they are available to let for 140 days a year and then claim the 100% small business rate relief. My call to make them register with HMRC as Furnished Holiday Lets was consulted on by HMG two years ago but the loophole persists.

What measures have we taken to ensure that holiday let businesses are genuine before they can claim small business rate relief?

What measure have we taken to ensure that claims for the £10k and £4k Covid grants are genuine as well?

Will we publish a list of all holiday let businesses that have received taxpayer funded grants for loss of business due to Covid this year?

b) Question from Councillor Byatt to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development:

Given the announcement from the Communities Secretary, Robert Jenrick, on 26 December 2020 that up to £830 million will be invested in 72 selected areas (under the Future High Streets Fund) across England, to aid post-Covid recovery and to protect jobs, what analysis can be carried out to identify the success criteria for selection, and why our neighbour to the North – Great Yarmouth – were chosen, whereas we in Lowestoft, having similar needs, were not?

c) Question from Councillor Patience to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development:

Given the importance of due diligence over contractors working on behalf of local Councils, what explanation has been provided about the collapse of the company carrying out work to provide High Speed Broadband infrastructure to areas of North Lowestoft?

7 Petitions

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

8 Notices of Motion

No Notices of Motion have been made as provided by Council Procedure Rule 11.

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15	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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.	

Part Two – Exempt/Confidential

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

Close

Stephen Baker, Chief Executive

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