



Full Council

Members are invited to a **Meeting of the Full Council** to be held in the Deben Conference Room, East Suffolk House, Melton, on **Wednesday, 24 January 2024 at 6.30pm.**

This meeting will be broadcast to the public via the East Suffolk YouTube Channel at <https://youtube.com/live/4bZITfWShKc?feature=share>

Members:

All Councillors

An Agenda is set out below.

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| <p>1 Apologies for Absence
To receive apologies for absence, if any.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3 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).</p> <p>4 Minutes
To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2023.</p> <p>5 Questions from the Public
No questions have been submitted by the electorate as provided by Council Procedure Rule 8.</p> | <p>1 - 22</p> |
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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 Mike Deacon to Councillor Rachel Smith-Lyte, Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Environment

There are parts of the District where there are regular issues of domestic and commercial waste bins being left out on pavements well after they have been emptied.

How many Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued under this Administration for breaches of regulations related to this?

b) Question from Councillor Janet Craig to Councillor Jan Candy, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health

Recently it was revealed in the Future Health Report, 'Hiding in Plain Sight', that the Norfolk and Waveney ICB area has the highest rate of malnutrition in the entire country. It means around one in 15 people in the region, including the northern part of our District, are not getting enough of the right foods to live healthy lives.

This shameful statistic was reported in the Eastern Daily Press on January 8th, 2024.

Given the strong correlation in the Report between malnutrition and deprivation, what more can we do to address malnutrition in the 20% most deprived wards in our District?

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

Given the commitment and support that this council has for Neighbourhood Plans, could the Cabinet Member explain how, in some cases, Senior Planning Officers seem to be

- making decisions contrary to Neighbourhood and Local Plans without reference to the Planning Committee;
- providing pre-planning advice contrary to Neighbourhood and Local Plans and
- working with developers to facilitate developments which ignore Neighbourhood, Local and National planning policies during pre-planning and before the application is even submitted?

(If necessary specific cases can be provided to the Cabinet Member and Leader of the Council.)

d) Question from Councillor Paul Ashdown to Councillor Toby Hammond, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development and Transport

I was pleased to see the press release on the Nexus project - the new industrial development on Newcombe Road at Lowestoft's PowerPark.

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Some will recall the Local Procurement Task and Finish Group which was established in 2020 to recognise procurement as an arm of economic development and post COVID-19 recovery.

The cross-party Task and Finish Group was convened to explore local procurement proposals. At the conclusion of its work, one of the recommendations of the Group was that wherever possible, this Council would engage local businesses for goods and services.

Why have we chosen Bycroft Commercial in Great Yarmouth to market the units for the Nexus project when there are local commercial estate agents who have the same expertise?

e) Question from Councillor Mark Jepson to Councillor Caroline Topping, Leader of the Council

The previous leader of East Suffolk Council took it upon himself to visit every Councillor in their elected ward to get to know the Councillor and as an opportunity for them to update him on local and strategic issues directly affecting them and their residents.

Will our Leader agree to adopt a similar approach and confirm she is open to learning more about the district she is leading?

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.

9 Proposed changes to East Suffolk Council's Constitution ES/1827

Report of the Constitution Review Working Group.

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10 Calendar of Meetings 2024 / 2025 ES/1828

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11 Adoption of Member Development Strategy 2023-2027 and Member Development Programme 2023-2027 ES/1829

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12 Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2023/24 ES/1830

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13 Amendment to the Constitution: Planning Committee Member Call In Process ES/1831

Report of the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Planning and Coastal Management.

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14 Cabinet Members' Report and Outside Bodies Representatives' Reports to Council ES/1832

Report of the Leader of the Council.

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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 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.

Part Two – Exempt/Confidential

16 Lowestoft Tidal Barrier Project Update

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

Close



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 [East Suffolk Council Constitution](#).

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 [on our website](#).

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