



East Suffolk Environment Task Group

Terms of Reference

The East Suffolk Environment Task Group (the Task Group) will consist of nine members (seven Conservatives, one GIL and one Labour).

The Terms of Reference for the Task Group are:

- I. To make recommendations to Cabinet on areas for improvement following the review of existing policies which impact on the environment and to identify and make recommendations on developing new environmental policies, where required, which will help to protect and enhance the environment.
- II. To recommend to Cabinet appropriate action plans and targets to help deliver the Council's environmental ambitions, including becoming carbon neutral by 2030.
- III. To consider and comment on the business case for investment and project delivery plans developed as part of the environment action plan before consideration by Cabinet.
- IV. To monitor progress with delivering the action plans and achieving targets and report on progress to Cabinet on a quarterly basis.
- V. To consider government consultation documents relating to environmental matters and assist Cabinet in formulating its response.
- VI. For members of the Task Group to act as Environmental Champions for the East Suffolk Council and their parish councils, leading by example and advocating for good environmental stewardship.
- VII. To identify areas for further research and invite presentations, workshops and discussions with experts in a wide range of environmental issues, as appropriate, to help inform the Council's policies and action plans.
- VIII. To consider the best way of engaging with key partners of the Council on environmental issues
- IX. To consider and help formulate a communication strategy to promote the Council's activities relating to environmental issues.

As agreed by Cabinet on 3 September 2019.