



**Riverside, 4 Canning Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk,
NR33 0EQ**

Full Council

Members: All Councillors

Members are invited to a **Meeting of the Full Council**
to be held in the Conference Room, Riverside,
on **Wednesday, 24 November 2021 at 6.30pm**

This meeting is being held in person in order to comply with the Local Government Act 1972. In order to comply with East Suffolk Council's coronavirus arrangements and guidance, the number of people at this meeting will have to be restricted to only those whose attendance is reasonably necessary.

Ordinarily, East Suffolk Council encourages members of the public to attend its meetings but on this occasion would encourage the public to watch the livestream, via the East Suffolk Council YouTube channel instead at <https://youtu.be/aAPslhisa4>

If you do believe it is necessary for you to be in attendance we encourage you to notify Democratic Services, by email to democraticservices@eastsoffolk.gov.uk, of your intention to do so no later than 12 noon on the working day before the meeting so that the meeting can be managed in a COVID secure way and the

Team can endeavour to accommodate you and advise of the necessary health and safety precautions.

However, we are not able to guarantee you a space/seat and you are advised that it may be that, regrettably, we are not able to admit you to the meeting room.

An Agenda is set out below.

Part One – Open to the Public

Pages

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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). | |
| 4a | Minutes - March 2021
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 March 2021 | 1 - 17 |
| 4b | Minutes - July 2021
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 July 2021 | 18 - 37 |
| 4c | Minutes - September 2021
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 September 2021 | 38 - 51 |
| 5 | Questions from the Public
No questions have been submitted by the electorate as provided by Council Procedure Rule 8. | |

6 Questions from Members

The following question(s) from Members has/have been submitted in pursuance of Council Procedure Rule 9:

(a) Question from Councillor Tom Daly to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development:

East Suffolk is projected to possibly host up to 30% of the UK's electricity with the growth in off shore wind, interconnectors and possibly new nuclear build coming to our area. In hosting this electricity infrastructure, the communities I represent feel let down as they foresee the industrialisation of their local countryside amplified by what appears to be a total lack of a national strategic policy for coordinating projects and the requirement for collaboration between projects to reduce impacts. With the current consultation on the draft National Policy Statements for Energy and the recent non statutory consultation on the Nautilus Interconnector project can I be assured that ESC will commit to continue to argue the merits of a forward looking, strategic, coordinated approach to the East Coast energy projects that avoids duplication, and limits on-shore social and environmental costs. For example through pooling infrastructure and exploring integrated energy hubs?

(b) Question from Councillor Byatt to the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Planning and Coastal Management

In his recent Conference speech in October, Boris Johnson maintained that houses should not be built on green fields but on previously developed brownfield sites. Michael Gove, Minister for Levelling-Up, Housing and Communities reiterated the same ambition this month with a pledge to protect the cherished countryside against development.

We have a large brownfield site in Lowestoft along the southern bank of Lake Lothing, the Kirkley Waterfront site, once home to factories, timber yards and world- famous shipbuilders.

We are aware that efforts have been made to attract developers to this site but that nothing of note has succeeded as yet, so can we look again at what East Suffolk Council itself can do to part of the site to kick-start its development?

Can we perhaps use the Recommendations to Government from the recent Richard Bacon MP's 'Review of Self-Build and Custom Housebuilding' to secure an area for a show park where those who are priced out of home ownership could have access to serviced and permissioned plots, and where innovative house-building ideas can thrive?

(c) Question from Councillor Craig to the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Communities, Leisure and Tourism

There has been recent news coverage of the Government continuing to allow the discharge of treated effluent and overflows of untreated effluent and storm water into our rivers and the sea. Incidents of this nature occur in East Suffolk.

The Rivers Trust maps such incidents from north to south along the crown jewels of our tourist coast at Corton, Lowestoft, Kessingland, Southwold,

Dunwich, Thorpness, Aldeburgh, Orford and Felixstowe and into the Rivers Deben, Blyth and Alde and various small creeks. In addition, this issue also affects water quality in the Broads National Park.

What interaction has there been with water companies and the Environment Agency in relation to the potential damage to the tourist industry in East Suffolk and to the overall well-being of residents?

d) Question from Councillor Gandy to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development.

On October 14th I happened to be in Lowestoft High Street and was pleased to see our Chief Executive and other Officers escorting Commissioners from Historic England on a guided walk of the area.

It was reassuring to note that the importance of Lowestoft's heritage was recognised by the presence of Historic England's Chief Executive, Duncan Wilson, on this tour.

I understand that they also visited other areas of the town, including the old Post Office on London Road North as well as other sites within both of Lowestoft's Heritage Action Zones.

What has been the outcome of this visit?

7 Petitions

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

8 Notices of Motion

The following Motions have been submitted in pursuance of Council Procedure Rule 11:

a) Motion submitted by Councillor Smith-Lyte

This Council commits to implementing a change in decision-making governance arrangements, comprising the cessation of the current leader and cabinet model of governance and the implementation of a full committee model of governance. This will be developed during 2021/22 with a view to the arrangements taking effect from the beginning of the 2022/23 municipal year, subject to a legally and constitutionally robust process, led by the council's Audit and Governance committee and agreed by Council.

b) Motion submitted by Councillor Topping

This Council recognises:

1. The East Suffolk Staff Travel Allowance offers members and officers an allowance of £0.45 per mile for the first 10,000 miles. They can also claim 5p per mile for every passenger that they carry. This applies to petrol, diesel and electric cars. Cyclists are offered £0.20 a mile.
2. Incentivising shared travel, reducing emissions and lessening reliance on car-based transport is a vital step towards tackling the climate emergency which this Council declared in 2019.
3. Since March 2020, Council staff have saved almost 5 million miles of home to work commute driving, through remote working. There has been a 66% decrease in tonnes of CO2 equivalent arising from commuting and place of work. Increasing car-sharing and use of public transport could be a way to make sure emissions do not rise back to their pre-COVID levels.
4. Reducing the use of cars offers a way for staff, members, and the Council itself to save money, as well as reducing our carbon footprint and the impact of driving on local air quality and traffic congestion.

This Council resolves:

1. All Ward Members and Officers are encouraged to car-share or use public transport whenever possible in order to reduce unnecessary car journeys, particularly Members travelling from two-Member Wards or staff travelling to the same meeting. This will include an internal communications campaign that will offer information on the benefits of car sharing and using public transport.
2. Where appropriate Members, Officers and groups should be encouraged to use technology (Zoom/Teams) for meetings. Consolidate multiple in person meetings taking place in a particular geographical area in order to minimise travel miles. Utilize electric pool cars and take advantage of cycling racks provided.

c) Motion submitted by Councillor Beavan

This Council urges the government to finally and promptly close the iniquitous loophole that allows second home owners to evade both council tax and rates by pretending to be a holiday let business, even though they do not have to actually let at all.

9	Review of Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles ES/0952 Report of the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health	52 - 106
10	East Suffolk Council Food and Health and Safety Service Plan 2021-2023 ES/0958 Report of the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health	107 - 212
11	Cabinet Members Report and Outside Bodies Representatives Reports to Council ES/0953 Report of the Leader of the Council	213 - 240
12	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 Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.	

Part Two – Exempt/Confidential

13a	Exempt Minutes - July 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). 	
13b	Exempt Minutes - September 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information relating to any individual. • Information that is likely to reveal the identity of an individual. • Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). 	
14	East Point Pavilion Construction Contract Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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