

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



Members:	All Councillors

Members are invited to a **Meeting of the Full Council** to be held in the Deben Conference Room, East Suffolk House, on **Wednesday, 26 January 2022** 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.

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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

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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 24 November 2021

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5 Questions from the Public

No questions have been submitted by the electorate as provided by Council Procedure Rule 8.

6 Questions from Members

No questions from Members have been received as provided by Council Procedure Rule 9.

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 Tess Gandy

This Council believes that:

1. Councillors across the UK work hard to serve their local communities and help direct the delivery of essential public services. To Build Back Better we must tackle tax avoidance and pioneer the promotion of responsible tax conduct.

2. This Council is diligent in the way it operates. East Suffolk Council sets a high standard in how we administer our tax affairs; we comply with all Financial Regulations including tax regulations and Cabinet Office procurement policy, which sets national standards for tax compliance as part of supplier qualification.

3. Social value is becoming an increasingly important factor in our procurement considerations so 'good' tax conduct should be a core public procurement consideration as part of maximising social value, giving weight to suppliers that have sound economic and financial standing

This Council resolves to:

1. Lead by example and communicate our expectations of good practice in tax conduct right across our activities including;

- Ensuring contractors implement IR35 robustly and pay a fair share of employment taxes

- Shunning the use of offshore vehicles for the purchase of land and property especially where this leads to reduced payments of stamp duty

- Undertaking due diligence to ensure that not-for-profit structures are not being used inappropriately as an artificial device to reduce the payment of tax and business rates

- Ensuring that there is clarity on the ultimate beneficial ownership of suppliers and their consolidated profit & loss position when negotiating contracts over £25,000, so they are fully transparent in their financial reporting

2. Support calls for urgent reform of UK law to enable local authorities to better penalise poor tax conduct and reward good tax conduct through their procurement policies

3. Use the East Suffolk Social Value and Sustainable Procurement Policy agreed at Cabinet on July 7th 2021 to integrate tax status further into our procurement process with the Fair Tax Mark being used as positive evidence of social value

4. Work with East Suffolk businesses to promote Fair Tax Mark certification

5. Encourage other public sector bodies to adopt a similar approach

6. As supporters of responsible tax conduct, consider supporting the 'Councils for Fair Tax' declaration as proposed by the Fair Tax Foundation <u>https://fairtaxmark.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Declaration-19-09-.pdf</u>

7. Report on the implementation and progress of actions agreed as part of the budget on an annual basis.

b) Motion submitted by Councillor Tom Daly

This Council commits to making our roads safer residents and visitors, as far as is possible within a District Council's operations, in line with the amendments to the Highway Code, laid in Parliament on 1 December 2021, that introduce a "hierarchy of road users": stating that road users most likely to be injured in the event of a collision are pedestrians, in particular children, older adults and disabled people, followed by cyclists, horse riders and motorcyclists. This Council will:

1. Use social media to publicise road safety education and safe cycling practices.

2. Write to the PCC and ask for confirmation that the Suffolk Constabulary is prepared to increase and prioritise enforcement activities across all speed limits (including 20mph) where there is clear evidence of significant non-compliance or an injury collision history, and ensure that all officers act in line with this policy.

3. Write to the County Council and ask them to commit to keeping cycle paths and footpaths clear, especially along busy roads, to keep traffic, cyclists and pedestrians separated.

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20	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 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.	

Part Two – Exempt/Confidential

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- 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).

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Stephen Baker, Chief Executive

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