



East Suffolk House, Riduna Park, Station  
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# Full Council

Members: All Councillors

Members are invited to a **Meeting of the Full Council**  
to be held on **Wednesday, 22 July 2020 at 6:30pm**

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/xhgh3WE\\_i60](https://youtu.be/xhgh3WE_i60)

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.

- 3a Minutes - 22 January 2020** **1 - 26**  
 To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 January 2020
- 3b Minutes - 26 February 2020** **27 - 46**  
 To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 February 2020
- 4a 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).
- 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 questions from Members have been submitted in pursuance of Council Procedure Rule 9:

(a) Question from Councillor Rachel Smith-Lyte to the Leader of the Council:

"As a council, we represent 170 Towns and Parishes and nearly 250,000 individuals across the District. We owe it to each and every one of our communities to ensure that the response to the Sizewell C application issued in their name, through East Suffolk Council, is a fair and robust representation of their views. The influence we have today will be a legacy for our future generations.

To this end, the GLI Group of Members ask the question of the Leader of the Council:

"As the Sizewell C application has now been given the green light to proceed to the next stage, and with the significant repercussions it would have on our economy and environment, would the Leader of the Council now accept that it is time to allow Members to have their say? Will he fully commit to an extraordinary meeting of the Council, dedicated wholly and specifically to a rigorous and transparent debate about this local, national and internationally important infrastructure decision?"

In order for this to be productive, meaningful and optimally influential, the timing of the meeting should be held once the draft Cabinet response has been compiled and shared with Members, and with sufficient time to ensure

Members can garner comment from their own communities. It should also ensure an adequate period for any revisions or recommendations from that Full Council debate to be adequately included in the response before referral back to Cabinet for agreement. Only after that, should the final response be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

It is crucial that all members are afforded a free vote during the Full Council debate to enable them to reflect the views of their Wards on a decision that will have the most impact on our communities for years to come."

(b) Question from Councillor Janet Craig to Cabinet Member for Customer Services and Operational Partnerships

"Now that the responsibility for the Closed Circuit Television System in Lowestoft has been passed back to East Suffolk Council, can you advise whether the digital upgrade to the system, which Lowestoft Town Council had planned to carry out, will still be going ahead."

(c) Question from Councillor Tess Gandy to the Cabinet Member for Community Health

"Government statistics have shown that since Coronavirus lockdown, nationally cases of domestic abuse, against both women and men, have risen greatly.

Here in Suffolk, a 'Freedom of Information' request has revealed that Suffolk Police's domestic abuse control room received 1,268 calls in March 2020 (i.e. start of lockdown), compared to 703 in March 2019. Various organisations have also expressed concerns about the likely rise in the reporting of actual domestic abuse criminal incidents following the ease of lockdown, as those experiencing domestic abuse are in a better position to report it.

The draft Domestic Abuse Bill 2020 is currently on its third reading in the House of Commons, "*Part 4 of the 2020 Act introduces a new statutory duty on local authorities, placing clearer accountability on local areas to ensure the needs of victims within refuges and other forms of domestic abuse safe accommodation are met in a consistent way across England*". What action will this Council take to ensure this duty is met, given the limited refuges available in East Suffolk and that the £208,411.00 allocated funding received by the PCC Tim Passmore to support services dealing with domestic abuse across the whole of Suffolk will only stretch so far?"

(d) Question from Councillor Louise Gooch to the Cabinet Member for Customer Services and Operational Partnerships

"Unless we are mistaken, Lowestoft is still a Fairtrade Town and in support of this, the coffee bar at Riverside serves Fairtrade Coffee.

Recently it was reported that Nestle has decided that it will no longer be using Fairtrade cocoa beans in its chocolate products. Please can we be assured that as companies make their policies more or less supportive of the principle of Fair Trade, this Council will adjust its products for sale accordingly across all outlets within ESC buildings.”

## **7 Petitions**

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

## **8 Notices of Motion**

The following Motion has been submitted by Councillor Peter Byatt in pursuance of Council Procedure Rule 11:

"In addition to modifying or enhancing the three priorities in the current East Suffolk Economic Growth Plan that facilitate and signpost businesses towards their own economic growth or encourage inward investment, East Suffolk Council, as an anchor institution, has the opportunity in its revised Delivery Plan to kick start economic recovery through its own procurement decisions and build wealth within the community through its significant purchasing power.

Keeping money in the local economy as a way of driving positive economic and social outcomes is not new and has been championed and promoted by Preston Council since 2012 ('The Preston Model'). Its progressive procurement is now being followed by other councils throughout the UK and the Welsh Government.

At its heart is inclusive economic growth. By encouraging anchors, such as Councils, to spend their money locally and socially, the concept of Community Wealth Building has:

- Developed the skills of local people within Preston and the wider Lancashire area;
- Created stable, well paying jobs;
- Reduced levels of in-work poverty;
- Kept money circulating in the local economy and
- Demonstrated the power of anchor institutions to realise good local economies for people and place.

Therefore, this Motion calls on East Suffolk Council to

1. Investigate Community Wealth Building and embed it into our policies to enhance the quality of life and opportunities for people in East Suffolk
2. Instigate new procurement policies that drive local economic growth within its Economic Growth and Recovery Delivery Plan and which
  - Identify where the council spends its money and how much is leaking out of

East Suffolk;

- Leverage maximum local and economic benefit from East Suffolk's spend on goods and services, shifting spend on local and socially responsible suppliers;
- Encourage and monitor the percentage of suppliers that pay at least or in excess of the national living wage;
- Develop the capacity of local business if local suppliers are limited in number;
- Map where suppliers are located with ward level deprivation data and
- Develop a social value framework to procurement that promotes local training and employment; supports the long-term sustainability of the VCSE sector; includes democratic forms of ownership such as co-operatives and promotes environmental sustainability.

3. Inspire other authorities in Suffolk to take up a similar stance

4. Encourage other anchor institutions such as Scottish Power Renewables, EDF Energy, Felixstowe Port etc. to adopt this first step on a community wealth building approach for long term social and economic gain throughout the region."

## **9 Presentation on the Lowestoft Town Centre Master Plan**

To receive a presentation on the Lowestoft Town Centre Master Plan from the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development

## **10 Adoption of North Lowestoft Heritage Action Zone Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document ES/0433** **47 - 258**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Planning and Coastal Management

## **11 Acknowledgement of the Declaration of Climate Change and Impact on Housing ES/0436** **259 - 268**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing

## **12 Approval of the Member Development Strategy ES/0435** **269 - 304**

Report of the Leader of the Council

## **13 Cabinet Members' Report and Outside Bodies Representatives' Report to Council ES/0434** **305 - 311**

Report of the Leader of the Council

## **14 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 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

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**Part Two – Exempt/Confidential**

**15 Exempt Minutes - 26 February 2020**

- Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
- Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

**Close**



Stephen Baker, Chief Executive

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