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Full Council

Members: All Councillors

Members are invited to a **Meeting of the Full Council**
to be held in the Deben Conference Room, East Suffolk House, Melton
on **Wednesday, 28 September 2022 at 6.30pm**

This meeting will be broadcast to the public via the East Suffolk YouTube
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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 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.

3 Minutes

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To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 July 2022

4 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

The following question(s) has/have been submitted by the public in pursuance of Council Procedure Rule 8:

a) Question submitted by Mr Robertson to Councillor Rudd, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Safety

Has East Suffolk Council initiated discussions within a multi-dimensional agency framework regarding a court injunction being issued against Car Cruising happening in Lowestoft, particularly the Kessingland Bypass, under the Section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972 as it can take up to a year to implement a court injunction on Car Cruising?

b) Question submitted by Mr Wilkinson to Councillor Gallant, Leader of the Council

The SZC planning application has been rejected by the Planning Inspector. The development cannot go ahead as there is no guaranteed, reliable potable water supply. It has yet to receive environmental permits for the contamination it will inevitably create. It has yet to receive a site licence from the Office of Nuclear Regulation. The outcome of the ground anchor trials is yet to be announced. The impact of the huge volume of seawater required to cool the reactors will have on the marine environment of Sizewell Bay and the killing of the millions of fish, fish fry and fish eggs which will result is a matter of deep political controversy at Hinkley as it is at Sizewell. EDF is in deep financial trouble in France and SZC, once promised as a 'subsidy free' development now has to rely on public and government handouts which will go directly to the French government to bail out its near-nationalised company. SZC is an environmental, financial and political mess which, even if it was to be built, will do nothing to help avert the climate crisis and will only add to our biodiversity crisis. You don't combat an existential emergency by taking 15 years to build a nuclear complex which itself has a massive environmental impact. Does the leader of the council agree that the SZC development should not proceed in these circumstances.

c) Question submitted from Mr Wilson to Councillor Gallant, Leader of the Council

Sizewell C, approved despite PINS' recommendation for refusal. Over recent months, further information has come to light, including:-

Evidence, PM2.5s (a type of air pollution the thousands of vehicles the SZC project will introduce to East Suffolk's rural road network) causes lung cancer.

Growing evidence of EDF's incompetence and unsuitability as a developer, such as:-

- France are fully nationalising EDF because it has debt of 43 billion Euros, faces billions of additional costs to refurbish aging reactors and fund decommissioning costs.
- Half of EDF's 56 nuclear reactors are currently out of action, exposing the

lie that nuclear is 'always on'.

- French government refusal to sign the UK govt's investment proposals, giving doubt about EDF's desire or ability for SZC involvement.
- The first operational EPR, Taishan 1, offline for a year with major problems indicating possible inherent flaws in the EPR design.
- Flamanville EPR construction started 2007- still not operational
- The decision that an AFD is required at Hinkley Point C

However, no change in that SZC does not have a guaranteed potable water supply for its 60 years of operation, meaning that SZC could be built but never operate.

Given the acknowledged damage SZC will inflict on Suffolk Coast & Heath's AONB, the Sizewell Marshes SSSI, the Heritage Coast, risk to RSPB Minsmere and given the doubts about EDF and the unproven EPR technology, how can the council continue to support the SZC project and meet the requirement that Councillors have to act in the public and local community interest?

6 Questions from Members

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

a) Question submitted by Councillor Craig to Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Communities, Leisure and Tourism

It is widely acknowledged that Southwold is one of the jewels of the coast of East Suffolk, and a key player in our Tourism Strategy.

Unfortunately, on September 7th there was yet another report in the local Press of sewage being discharged into the River Blyth, leading to a national campaigning group again stating that it was inadvisable to enter the water at Southwold. In addition, a Pollution Risk Warning advising against bathing was issued by the Environment Agency on 10th September for Lowestoft South Beach.

How will this Council protect visitors and residents alike from what appears to be a known discharge of untreated sewage into our waterways , onto our beaches and into the sea?

b) Question submitted by Councillor Daly to Councillor Gallant, Leader of the Council

Following the announcement on 20 July 2022 that the Sizewell C planning application was approved and a Development Consent Order issued by the Secretary of State, will the Leader of the Council join the GLI Group in standing behind the residents' group Together Against Sizewell C and the 10,400 people who signed the petition opposing the build?

c) Question submitted by Councillor Smith-Lyte for Councillor Mallinder, Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Environment

Our local residents are being inconvenienced by the lack of glass recycling facilities. Everyone wants to do their part for the planet, and we as the waste management organisation need to make that easier for them. Has the Cabinet Member for the Environment considered employing local private companies to do doorstep collection of glass recycling as many other councils do, if our waste management officers cannot do it? Or alternatively, can more glass recycling banks be installed in areas where residents request them?

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 Byatt

This Council recognises that an increasing number of our residents are being negatively affected by the cost of living crisis.

It is our Council's responsibility to offer relevant advice and support regarding East Suffolk services which may be able to help them, and should ensure that they have access to such advice and support.

We must not assume that everyone uses the Internet, and others may not find using the phone easy. It is important, therefore, to offer residents the opportunity of a face-to-face discussion.

In the light of this, we will review the current opening hours of our Customer Service Centre at the Marina Centre in Lowestoft, and other provision within various Libraries across the District, to assess if there needs to be an expansion of their opening hours and staffing.

b) Motion Submitted by Councillor Beavan

This Council notes:

1. As of July 28th, ESC had 82 vacancies, 10% of the workforce.
2. Attracting and retaining staff will become more difficult as pay lowers.
3. With inflation above 10%, the current pay deal being discussed by Government means a real-terms paycut for most staff, but rightly prioritises lower paid staff with a flat rate increase so that they can feed their families and warm their homes.

This Council resolves:

1. To write to the Chancellor and Secretary of State calling on Government to fund competitive salaries for public servants.
2. To set a new minimum wage target at 75 per cent of median hourly pay by 2030, amounting to £11.70/hr on present figures. This would see the minimum wage rise at a rate on par with average wages, making sure that those earning the least don't fall too far behind.
3. To pay for this by restricting top salaries to less than four to five times median earnings (£100k to £125k pa at present).
4. To explore the feasibility of running a three-month pilot of a four-day working week in 2023 to see if productivity can be maintained while improving staff's work/life balance.

9 Community Governance Review – East Suffolk ES/1285

Report of the Leader of the Council.

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16	Exempt/Confidential Item 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

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17	North Felixstowe Garden Neighbourhood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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