
Council



Title:	Agenda
Date:	Tuesday 17 December 2019
Time:	6.30 pm
Venue:	Conference Chamber West Suffolk House Western Way Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU
Membership:	All Councillors You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to transact the business on the agenda set out below.  Ian Gallin Chief Executive 9 December 2019
Interests – Declaration and Restriction on Participation:	Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest not entered in the Authority's register or local non pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda (subject to the exception for sensitive information) and to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on an item in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.
Quorum	One third of the Council (at least 22 Members)
Committee administrator:	Claire Skoyles Democratic Services Officer Tel: 01284 757176 Email: claire.skoyles@westsuffolk.gov.uk

Public Information



Venue:	West Suffolk House Western Way Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 3YU	Tel: 01284 757176 Email: democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk Web: www.westsuffolk.gov.uk
Access to agenda and reports before the meeting:	Copies of the agenda and reports are open for public inspection at the above and following address: West Suffolk Council College Heath Road Mildenhall Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP28 7EY at least five clear days before the meeting. They are also available to view on our website.	
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Public participation:	Members of the public who live or work in the District may put questions about the work of the Council or make statements on items on the agenda to members of the Cabinet or any Committee. 30 minutes will be set aside for this. 30 minutes will also be set aside for questions at extraordinary meetings of the Council, but must be limited to the business to be transacted at that meeting. A person who wishes to speak must register at least fifteen minutes before the time the meeting is scheduled to start. This can be done online by sending the request to democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk or telephoning 01284 757176 or in person by telling the Committee Administrator present at the meeting. Written questions, detailing the full question to be asked, may be submitted by members of the public to the Monitoring Officer no later than 10.00 am on the previous working day to the meeting of the Council. Email: democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk Phone: 01284 757162	
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Procedural Matters

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1. Minutes

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2019 (copy attached).

2. Chair's Announcements

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To receive announcements (if any) from the Chair.

A list of civic events/engagements attended by the Chair and Vice-Chair since the last ordinary meeting of Council held on 19 September 2019 are **attached**.

3. Apologies for Absence

To receive announcements (if any) from the officer advising the Chair (including apologies for absence).

4. Declarations of Interests

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary or local non pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda **no later than when that item is reached** and, when appropriate, to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on the item.

Part 1 – Public

5. Leader's Statement

Paper No: **COU/WS/19/013 TO FOLLOW**

(Council Procedure Rules 8.1 – 8.3) The Leader will submit a report (the Leader's Statement) summarising important developments and activities since the preceding meeting of the Council.

Members may ask the Leader questions on the content of both his introductory remarks and the written statement itself.

A total of 30 minutes will be allowed for questions and responses. There will be a limit of five minutes for each question to be asked and answered. A supplementary question arising from the reply may be asked so long as the five minute limit is not exceeded.

6. Public Participation

Council Procedure Rules Section 6) Members of the public who live or work in the District may put questions about the work of the Council or make statements on items on the agenda to members of the Cabinet or any Committee. A person who wishes to speak must register at least fifteen minutes before the time the meeting is scheduled to start.

(Note: The maximum time to be set aside for this item is 30 minutes, but if all questions/statements are dealt with sooner, or if there are no questions/statements, the Council will proceed to the next business.)

Each person may ask **one** question or make **one** statement only. A total of **five minutes will be allowed for the question to be put and answered or the statement made.** If a question is raised, one supplementary question will be allowed provided that it **arises directly from the reply and the overall time limit of five minutes is not exceeded.**

If a statement is made, then the Chair may allow the Leader of the Council, or other Member to whom they refer the matter, a right of reply.

Written questions may be submitted by members of the public to the Monitoring Officer **no later than 10.00 am on Monday 16 December 2019.** The written notification should **detail the full question** to be asked at the meeting of the Council.

7. Referrals Report of Recommendations from Cabinet

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Report No: **COU/WS/19/014**

(A) Referrals from Cabinet: 8 October 2019

1. West Suffolk Asset Management Strategy and Plan

Portfolio Holders: Cllrs Susan Glossop and Peter Stevens

(B) Referrals from Cabinet: 26 November 2019

1. Draft West Suffolk Strategic Framework 2020-2024

Portfolio Holder: Cllr John Griffiths

The above item was deferred by Cabinet for further consideration in early 2020 and is therefore not included as a referral on this Council agenda.

2. Investing in Housing and Development Sites and Approval of the Barley Homes Business Plan 2019

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Sara Mildmay-White

3. Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) for 2020-2021

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Sarah Broughton

4. Council Tax Technical Changes – Including Empty Property Reliefs and Premiums Charges

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Sarah Broughton

5. Council Tax Base for Tax Setting Purposes 2020/2021

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Sarah Broughton

6. West Suffolk Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020-2024

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Sarah Broughton

7. Exempt: Investing in our Commercial Asset Portfolio (para 3)

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Susan Glossop

The above item was not considered by Cabinet due to the initial proposal contained within Exempt Cabinet Report No: CAB/WS/19/048 being no longer available for consideration and is therefore not included as a referral on this Council agenda.

8. Review of the Political Balance and Appointment to Politically Balanced Bodies

Report No: **COU/WS/19/015 TO FOLLOW**

9. Any Other Urgent Business

To consider any business, which by reason of special circumstances, should in the opinion of the Chair be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

10. Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded during the consideration of the following item because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt categories of information as prescribed in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and indicated against the item and, in all circumstances of the case, the public

interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Part 2 – Exempt

Exempt Appendix: Referrals Report of Recommendations from Cabinet (para 3)

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(B) Referrals from Cabinet: 26 November 2019

2. **Exempt Appendix A to Report No: COU/WS/19/014:**
Investing in Housing and Development Sites and Approval of the Barley Homes Business Plan 2019

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Sara Mildmay-White