

West Suffolk Standards Committee

Title	Agenda
Date	Monday 7 December 2020
Time	5.00 pm
Venue	<p>Facilitated by Microsoft TeamsLive virtual meetings platform only</p> <p>The meeting will be accessible by the press and public via a live stream; the link to which will be published on the Council's website alongside the agenda papers</p>
Full Members	<p style="text-align: center;">Chair Jim Thorndyke</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vice Chair Vacant</p> <p>Conservative Group (4) John Augustine Margaret Marks Robert Everitt</p> <p>The Independent Group (2) Roger Dicker Jim Meikle</p> <p>Labour Group (1) Cliff Waterman</p>
Substitutes	<p>Conservative Group (1) Stephen Frost</p> <p>The Independent Group (2) John Burns Jim Meikle</p>
Interests – declaration and restriction on participation	<p>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.</p>
Quorum	Three Members
Committee administrator	<p>Helen Hardinge Democratic Services Officer Telephone 01638 719363 Email helen.hardinge@westsuffolk.gov.uk</p>

Public information

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Contact information	Telephone: 01284 757176 Email: democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk Website: www.westsuffolk.gov.uk
Access to agenda and reports before the meeting	<p>The agenda and reports will be available to view at least five clear days before the meeting on our website.</p> <p>On this occasion, a link to the meeting livestream broadcast, and guidance on how members of the public can access the meeting broadcast will be made available on the Council's website when the agenda is published.</p>
Attendance at meetings	<p>The Council actively welcomes members of the public and the press to attend its meetings and holds as many of its meetings as possible in public.</p> <p>The meeting will be held virtually. You can view the livestream of the meeting via the link provided on the webpage where the agenda and papers are published. Please note that a virtual meeting is not invalid by virtue of members of the public being unable to attend or participate in meetings that are held virtually.</p>
Public participation	<p>Members of the public who live or work in the district are welcome to speak and may ask one question or make a statement of not more than three minutes duration relating to items to be discussed in Part 1 of the agenda only.</p> <p>If a question is asked and answered within three minutes, the person who asked the question may ask a supplementary question that arises from the reply. As the meeting is taking place virtually, a person who wishes to speak must register by 9am the last working day before the day of the meeting. This can be done by sending the request to democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk or telephoning 07776 254986, 07595 428481 or 01638 719237. See Agenda Item 5 for further details on how to participate.</p> <p>If a member of the public cannot attend the meeting remotely, they may submit a written question or statement to Democratic Services by midday at the very latest on the day of the meeting and this will be read out on their behalf during the meeting. There is an overall time limit of 15 minutes for public speaking, which may be extended at the Chair's discretion</p>
Accessibility	<p>If you have any difficulties in accessing the meeting, the agenda and accompanying reports, including for reasons of a disability or a protected characteristic, please contact Democratic Services at the earliest opportunity using the contact details provided above in order that we may assist you.</p>

Recording of meetings	<p>The Council may record this meeting and permits members of the public and media to record or broadcast it as well (when the media and public are not lawfully excluded).</p> <p>Any member of the public who attends a meeting and objects to being filmed should advise the Committee Administrator who will instruct that they are not included in the filming.</p>
Personal Information	<p>Any personal information processed by West Suffolk Council arising from a request to speak at a public meeting under the Localism Act 2011, will be protected in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. For more information on how we do this and your rights in regards to your personal information and how to access it, visit our website: https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/Council/Data_and_information/howweuseinformation.cfm or call Customer Services: 01284 763233 and ask to speak to the Information Governance Officer.</p>

Agenda

Procedural matters

Part 1 – public

1. Apologies for absence

2. Substitutes

Any Member who is substituting for another member should so indicate, together with the name of the relevant absent member.

3. Election of Vice Chair for 2019/2020

4. Minutes

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2020 (copy attached.)

5. Declarations of interest

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.

6. Public participation

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7. Standards Activity Update

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Report No: **STC/WS/20/002**

8. Exclusion of press and public

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded during the consideration of the following items 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 each 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

**9. Exempt: Appendix B - Standards Activity Update
(Paragraphs 1 & 2)**

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