

Council



Title	Agenda
Date	Tuesday 22 February 2022
Time	6.30 pm
Venue	Conference Chamber West Suffolk House Western Way Bury St Edmunds **For the health and safety for all persons present and in order to reduce the risk of the spread of coronavirus, appropriate mitigation measures will be applied**
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 14 February 2022
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 (22 members)
Committee administrator	Claire Skoyles Democratic Services Officer Telephone 01284 757176 / 07776 254986 Email claire.skoyles@westsuffolk.gov.uk

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Contact information	Telephone: 01284 757176 / 07776 254986 Email: democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk Website: www.westsuffolk.gov.uk
Access to agenda and reports before the meeting	The agenda and reports will be available to view at least five clear days before the meeting on our website.
Attendance at meetings	This meeting is being held in person in order to comply with the Local Government Act 1972. Measures will be applied to ensure the health and safety for all persons present is maintained. We may be required to restrict the number of members of the public able to attend in accordance with the room capacity. If you consider it is necessary for you to attend, please let Democratic Services know in advance of the meeting so they can endeavour to accommodate you and advise you of the necessary health and safety precautions.
Public participation	<p>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 total of 30 minutes will be set aside for this with each person limited to asking one question or making one statement within a maximum time allocation of five minutes. 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.</p> <p>The Constitution allows that a person who wishes to speak must register at least 15 minutes before the time the meeting is scheduled to start. Due to applying coronavirus health and safety measures, precautions taken will apply to members of the public in attendance and registered to speak, and would therefore, strongly urge anyone who wishes to register to speak to notify Democratic Services by 9am on the day of the meeting so that advice can be given on the arrangements in place.</p>
Accessibility	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.
Recording of meetings	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>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>

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Procedural matters

	Pages
1. Minutes	1 - 14
To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2021 (copy attached).	
2. Chair's announcements	15 - 16
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 14 December 2021 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	17 - 20
Paper number: COU/WS/22/001	
Council Procedure Rules 8.1 to 8.3. The Leader will submit a report (the Leader's Statement) summarising important developments and activities since the preceding meeting of the Council.	
On behalf of the Leader, members may ask the Deputy Leader questions on the content of both her introductory remarks and the Leader's 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.

(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.

The Constitution allows that a person who wishes to speak must register at least 15 minutes before the time the meeting is scheduled to start. Due to applying coronavirus health and safety measures, precautions taken will apply to members of the public in attendance and registered to speak, and **would therefore, strongly urge anyone who wishes to register to speak to notify Democratic Services by 9am on the day of the meeting so that advice can be given on the arrangements in place.**

As an alternative to addressing the meeting in person, **written questions** may be submitted by members of the public to the Monitoring Officer **no later than 10am on Monday 21 February 2022.** 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 number: **COU/WS/22/002**

A. Referrals from Cabinet: 8 February 2022

1. Financial Resilience - Strategy Statement 2022 to 2023 and Treasury Management Code of Practice

Portfolio holder: Councillor Sarah Broughton

2. Treasury Management Report (December 2021)

Portfolio holder: Councillor Sarah Broughton

3. Budget and Council Tax Setting 2022 to 2023 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022 to 2026

Portfolio holder: Councillor Sarah Broughton

(The recommendations emanating from this item, together with Cabinet's approval of the recommendation contained in Report number: CAB/WS/22/005 'Recommendation of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee: 27 January 2022 - Delivering a Sustainable Medium-Term Budget' have been incorporated into the main budget setting report due to be considered later on this Council agenda at Agenda Item 8. No decision is therefore required at this stage.)

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| 8. Budget and Council Tax Setting 2022 to 2023 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022 to 2026 | 25 - 152 |
| Report number: COU/WS/22/003 | |
| 9. Amendments to the Constitution | 153 - 158 |
| Report number: COU/WS/22/004 | |
| 10. Calendar of Meetings: 2022 to 2023 | 159 - 166 |
| Report number: COU/WS/22/005 | |
| 11. 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. | |

Part 2 – exempt

None