Annual Council



Title	Agenda
Date	Tuesday 14 May 2024
Time	7.00 pm
Venue	Conference Chamber West Suffolk House Western Way Bury St Edmunds
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 3 May 2024
Interests – declaration and restriction on participation	Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest, other registerable or non-registrable 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.
Quorum	One third of the Council (22 members)
Committee administrator	Claire Skoyles Democratic Services Officer Telephone 01284 757176 Email democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk

Public information



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Access to agenda and reports before	The agenda and reports will be available to view at least five clear days before the meeting on our website.
the meeting	It is intended that the meeting will be livestreamed. The link to join the livestream broadcast will be made available on the Council's website prior to the meeting.
Attendance at meetings	This meeting is being held in person in order to comply with the Local Government Act 1972. 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 inform Democratic Services in advance of the meeting.
	As a local authority, we have a corporate and social responsibility for the safety of our staff, our councillors and visiting members of the public. We therefore request that you exercise personal responsibility and do not attend the meeting if you feel at all unwell.
	West Suffolk Council continues to promote good hygiene practices with hand sanitiser and wipes being available in the meeting room. Attendees are also able to wear face coverings, should they wish to.
Public participation	There is no provision for public participation during the Annual Meeting of Council.
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Agenda Procedural matters

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Part 1 - public

1. Election of Chair of the Council for 2024 to 2025

The outgoing Chair will call for nominations for the election of Chair for the ensuing year.

Following the seeking of other nominations, a vote will be taken on the nomination of the Chair.

The incoming Chair will sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office, in the presence of the Monitoring Officer.

2. Chair's announcements

To receive announcements (if any) from the Chair.

3. Apologies for absence

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

4. Election of Vice Chair of the Council for 2024 to 2025

The Chair will call for nominations for the election of Vice Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

Following the seeking of other nominations, a vote will be taken of the nomination of Vice Chair.

The incoming Vice Chair will sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office, in the presence of the Monitoring Officer.

5. Appointment of Cabinet members

Having regard to the provisions of the Constitution, and if practicable, the Chair will invite the Leader of the Council to announce the composition and constitution of the Cabinet for the ensuing year, and the names of the councillors chosen to be members of the Cabinet.

6. Review of political balance and appointment to committees 2024 to 2025

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7. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of scrutiny committees 2024 to 2025

In accordance with the Constitution, the Council will appoint the Chair and Vice Chair of the:

- a. Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- b. Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee

8. Proposed remuneration for co-opted, non-elected, non-voting independent members of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee

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9. Suffolk Police and Crime Panel

At its meeting on 26 January 2024 the Suffolk Police and Crime Panel recommended to the Suffolk Public Sector Leaders Group that a requirement be added at Section 5 b) of its Panel Arrangements that independent co-opted members of the Panel must live or work in Suffolk.

Suffolk authorities have subsequently been asked to approve this proposed amendment.

Recommendation:

It is **recommended** that the proposed amendment to the Panel Arrangements for the Suffolk Police and Crime Panel to reflect that independent co-opted members of the Panel must live or work in Suffolk, be approved.