

## **Latest update from East Suffolk Council**

The New East Suffolk Council held its first full council meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

### **ADOPTION OF A MEMBER DEVELOPMENT CHARTER FOR EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL**

The former Waveney District Council (WDC) was first accredited with the 'Charter Mark' for Member Development in February 2009 and it was subsequently awarded 'Charter Plus' status in November 2009. Successful re-assessments were undertaken in 2011, 2014 and 2017.

At the end of the re-assessment day in 2017, the assessors advised WDC that, subject to agreement, the Charter Plus status would transfer to the new East Suffolk Council (ESC) which was to be formed in 2019. This would be valid for one year, following which a reassessment for the ESC would be required, in mid-2020.

In June 2018, the Member Programme Board, which was formed as part of the One Council Programme, to oversee the creation of the ESC, confirmed that it would be beneficial for the ESC to retain the Charter Plus Award for Elected Member Development.

### **RECOMMENDED** That the East Suffolk Council

A) adopts the Charter Plus Award for Member Development and will undertake the outstanding recommendations made by SEEMP during the last re-assessment in 2017.

B) will undertake a re-assessment for the Charter Plus Award for Member Development in mid-2020.

C) will appoint a Member Development Steering Group (MDSG) to oversee the Member Development training programme and the Charter Plus re-assessment. The Membership of the MDSG will consist of representation from the different political parties on the Council and they will meet on a regular basis.

### **Structure of the new council;**

**Cllr Colin Hedgley** Appointed as First ever **Chairman East Suffolk Council.**

**Cllr Keith Robinson** Appointed **Vice Chairman.**

**Cllr Steve Gallant** elected as First ever **Leader of East Suffolk Council.**

**Cllr Craig Rivett** elected as **deputy Leader.**

### **Cabinet appointments.**

Cllr Letitia Smith (Communities, Leisure and Tourism)

Cllr Richard Kerry (Housing)

Cllr Mary Rudd (Community Health)

Cllr Norman Brooks (Transport)

Cllr Stephen Burroughes (Customer Service and Operational Partnership)

Cllr James Mallinder (The Environment)

Cllr David Ritchie (Planning & Coastal Management)

### **POLITICAL BALANCE AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES 2019/20.**

Membership of Committees and Sub-Committees of East Suffolk Council is determined under the terms of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

Those provisions require the Authority to review the representation of political groups and individuals on the Committees, Sub-Committees, and other appropriate bodies in order to ensure that the seats on Committees are allocated by Group Leaders in proportion to the political groups' membership of the Council.

### **Total District Councillors 55**

**Conservatives 39 Labour 7, Green 4, Liberal Democrats 3, Independents 2.**

### **Audit & Governance, (9 Members) (Quorum 3)**

Cllr Geoff Lynch – Chairman ©  
Cllr Edward Back ©  
Cllr Linda Coulam ©  
Cllr Tess Gandy (L)  
Cllr Ed Thompson (LD)

Cllr Frank Mortimer – Vice Chairman ©  
Cllr Maurice Cook ©  
Cllr Chris Mapey ©  
Cllr Rachel Smith-Lyte (G)

#### **Licensing (15 Members) (Quorum 4)**

Cllr Keith Robinson – Chairman ©  
Cllr Paul Ashdown ©  
Cllr Jocelyn Bond ©  
Cllr Colin Hedgley ©  
Cllr Trish Mortimer ©  
Cllr Steve Wiles ©  
Cllr Tess Gandy (L)  
Cllr Rachael Smith-Lyte (G)

Cllr Mark Newton – Vice Chairman ©  
Cllr Edward Black ©  
Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf ©  
Cllr Frank Mortimer ©  
Cllr William Taylor ©  
Cllr Janet Craig (L)  
Cllr John Fisher (I)

#### **Planning North, (9 members) (Quorum 3)**

Cllr Paul Ashdown – Chairman ©  
Cllr Jocelyn Bond ©  
Cllr Linda Coulam ©  
Cllr Craig Rivett ©  
Cllr Graham Elliott (G)

Cllr Jenny Ceresa – Vice Chairman  
Cllr Norman Brooks ©  
Cllr Andree Gee ©  
Cllr Malcolm Pitchers (L)

#### **Planning South, (9 members) (Quorum 3)**

Cllr Debbie McCallum – Chairman ©  
Cllr Melissa Allen ©  
Cllr Chris Blundell ©  
Cllr Mike Deacon (L)  
Cllr Kay Yule (LD)

Cllr Tony Fryatt – Vice Chairman ©  
Cllr Stuart Bird ©  
Cllr Colin Hedgley ©  
Cllr Tony Cooper (I)

#### **Scrutiny (13 members) (Quorum 4)**

Cllr Stuart Bird – Chairman ©  
Cllr Judy Cloke ©  
Cllr Andree Gee ©  
Cllr Geoff Lynch ©  
Cllr Keith Robinson ©  
Cllr Louise Gooch ©  
Cllr David Beavan (LD)

Cllr Mike Deacon – Vice Chairman (L)  
Cllr Linda Coulam ©  
Cllr Tracy Green ©  
Cllr Mark Newton ©  
Cllr William Taylor ©  
Cllr Caroline Topping (G)

#### **Appointments (6 members) (Quorum 3)**

Leader or Deputy Leader ©  
Relevant Cabinet Member ©  
Customer Member for Customer Services ©  
Chairman of Scrutiny Committee ©  
Cllr Peter Byatt (L)  
Cllr Graham Elliott (G)

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2019/20 (NON-EXECUTIVE)**

In accordance with Part 2 (Section B) of the Council's Constitution, the Council will be appointing Councillor representatives to Outside Bodies where the role relates to a NonExecutive function. The Cabinet, at its meeting on 4 June 2019, will consider representation on Outside Bodies where the role relates to an Executive function.

Appointment of Councillors to Outside Bodies provides support to the organisation concerned, enables Councillors to fulfil their community leadership roles, and enables appropriate monitoring of performance/budgets in line with best practice.

Appointments made to Outside Bodies should be sensitive to the need to represent, as far as possible, the diverse nature of the local community.

### **HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO THE EAST SUFFOLK BUSINESS PLAN?**

2.1 Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies are able to work with and alongside local communities, helping to empower them in terms of addressing local issues to achieve sustainable solutions.

2.2 Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies will also work with local communities to deliver a strong and sustainable local economy and help them to feel engaged, value, and empowered to improve the quality of life for everyone living and working in the District.

Details of the Council's representation on Outside Bodies are included on the Council's website, along with the representation on Committees, Sub-Committees, and Task Groups.

### **Appointment to Outside Bodies, (Aldeburgh Leiston Ward Members)**

LTAA - Cllr Jocelyn Bond

Aldeburgh Community and Sports Trust – Cllr Tony Cooper.

Association of Suffolk Museums – Cllr Tony Cooper.

Citizen's Advice – Leiston, Saxmundham and District – Cllr Tony Cooper

My thanks must go to the Past Leader Cllr Ray Herring of SCDC for his help and support he gave to me during my last eight years as a District councillor for the old Leiston ward.

I also wish to pass on my sincere thanks, and I trust also our own Town council to TJ for all the support that she gave to our community over her past years as a cabinet member, many local organisations have received both her personal support together with financial support via her locality budget.

I look forward to working with both TJ and Jocelyn whilst we are in different parties our views are the same being our communities and we are there to support all the towns, parishes and residents within the new ward.

There will be new monthly reports starting with July issue from Tony, TJ and Jocelyn

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