



AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

**THURSDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2021 –
5.30 PM**

Members of the Council are summoned to a meeting of the Mid Suffolk District Council at King Edmund Chamber, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich on Thursday, 23rd September, 2021 at 5.30 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur Charvonja".

Arthur Charvonja
Chief Executive



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DATE:	THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2021 5.30 PM
VENUE:	KING EDMUND CHAMBER, ENDEAVOUR HOUSE, 8 RUSSELL ROAD, IPSWICH

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In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 11, the Chief Executive will report the receipt of any petitions. There can be no debate or comment upon these matters at the Council meeting.

7 **QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES**

The Chairman of the Council, Chairs of Committees and Sub-Committees and Portfolio Holders to answer any questions on any matters in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affect the District of which due notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.

8 **QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES**

The Chairman of the Council to answer any questions from the public of which notice has been given no later than midday three clear working days before the day of the meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.

9 **MC/21/9 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT** 25 - 30

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

10 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET / COMMITTEES**

a **MC/21/10 ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT – 2020/21** 31 - 64

Chair of Joint Audit and Standards Committee

At its meeting on 26 July 2021, Joint Audit and Standards Committee considered Paper JAC/21/2, the Annual Treasury Management Report 2020/21. Paper MC/21/10 now includes all the relevant updated information following consideration by the Joint Audit and Standards Committee, together with the necessary recommendations.

b **MC/21/11 GAMBLING ACT 2005 'NO CASINO' RESOLUTION** 65 - 74

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Cabinet Member for Assets and Investments

12 **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

Recommended Motion

That under section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for item(s) {item number} on the grounds that they involve/it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act in the paragraph registered against the/each item.

Note: *Information is exempt only if:
It falls within one of the 7 categories of exempt information in the Act and; In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information*

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13 **CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX C - CIFCO BUSINESS PLAN 2021/22** 185 - 234
(Exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1)

Cabinet Member for Assets and Investments

14 **RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC (WHICH TERM INCLUDES THE PRESS)**

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Leader of the Council

17 **MC/21/15 REVISIONS TO INTERNAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING PROCEDURES** 291 - 298

Cabinet Member for Planning

18 **COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENTS**

a **TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS**

Development Control Committee A

Councillor Barry Humphreys (replacing Councillor Dave Muller)

Development Control Committee B

Councillor Dave Muller (replacing Councillor Barry Humphreys)

b **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE A**

c **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE B**

d **APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODY - SUFFOLK JOINT EMERGENCY PLANNING POLICY PANEL**

To appoint Councillor Morley as the Council's representative on the Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Policy Panel.

19 **MC/21/16 DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION** 299 - 302

Chief Executive

20 **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

a **TO CONSIDER THE MOTION ON NOTICE RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR PRATT**

Introduction:

Mid Suffolk recognises that street-lighting is a significant aspect of our climate change and biodiversity action plans, and that lighting can be adapted and controlled to reduce energy use and impacts on human health and wildlife – particularly bats and nocturnal insect populations which are declining^[1], ^[2]. Council also notes that many communities and campaign groups are calling on local councils to protect dark skies.

Motion:

The Council recognises that light pollution is increasing and that it causes harm to wildlife and insects and can increase health risks in people. The Council therefore will seek to reduce the intensity and extent of outdoor lighting within its own public realm and housing assets and other lighting schemes where it has influence, to the extent practical. The Council will also include guidance in its Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document to protect and enhance dark skies for the benefit of wildlife and human health and wellbeing.

Proposer: Cllr Pratt

Seconder: Cllr Fleming

^[1] BBC News: Light pollution from streetlamps linked to insect loss https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-58333233?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=KARANGA

^[2] CPRE Dark Skies: <https://www.cpre.org.uk/what-we-care-about/nature-and-landscapes/dark-skies/>

Objectives:

To achieve these objectives the Council will include lighting control within the Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which it has committed to preparing, and work with the planning team and partner organisations such as Suffolk County Council and its suppliers to reduce light pollution to the extent practical. The Council recognises the sometimes conflicting roles that artificial lighting plays both positively in making people feel safer and signage, but also negatively in terms of harm to biodiversity, health and wellbeing, and visual resources. In line with current standards and evidence the Council will ensure that new or replacement artificial lighting whether in the form of street lighting, commercial and residential lighting or advertising signage is installed to meet the lowest possible level of intensity and visual intrusion.

Notes:

- Streetlighting using LED lamps emit a brighter, whiter light with higher levels in the blue region of visible light (400-480 nm) than their traditional counterparts. This shift in the emitted spectral composition towards blue light has well-known impacts on the biological rhythms and functions in both humans and animals, particularly in nocturnal insect species and bats.
- Some estimates predict that 1 million species, or 40% of all insects, will become extinct over the next few decades. Artificial lighting at night is recognised as an important contributing factor to the decline in insect populations.
- Illumination, particularly in short wavelength (ultraviolet and blue light) can cause disorientation in insects and affect their patterns of movement, foraging and reproduction with catastrophic implications for insect populations. By contrast, long-wavelength light (e.g. amber, and red) tends to have a lower impact on nocturnal insects.
- LEDs can be engineered to emit light of any desired spectral range, their brightness can be controlled, and their usage can be limited to appropriate timeframes. Lighting can be triggered to come for shorter periods using motion sensor technology, be progressively dimmed. Lighting can be fixed at full cut-off to reduce skyglow and shielding (e.g. back baffles) installed to reduce light intrusion through windows.
- Colour filters can be used to reduce or remove the harmful wavelengths. True-amber LED have a narrow bandwidth but result in low efficacy (low lumen output per watt usage). Phosphor-converted amber (PCA) have a higher efficacy. However, such alternatives may be challenging to source within UK markets. The use of warmer colour temperature LEDs (3000K or less) reduces blue light levels.

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b TO CONSIDER THE MOTION ON NOTICE RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR MELLEN

This Council notes:

Councils are responsible for organising all elections in England.

The government is currently proposing an Elections Bill to require people to show identification including a photograph in order to vote in a General Election.

Allegations of electoral registration or voter fraud are very rare in Mid Suffolk.

This Council believes:

Voting at elections is the cornerstone of democracy at both local and national level.

Participation in elections should be encouraged in all those who are qualified regardless of age, ethnicity or income.

Unnecessary barriers to voting are likely to reduce voter participation in elections, proper representation of all parts of the community and so legitimacy of those elected to office.

Voter ID is a solution without a problem and as such insinuates barriers to voting which should be of great concern to anyone who supports an open and effective democratic system of government.

This Council Resolves:

To oppose the introduction of photo ID as a requirement to vote at polling stations.

To request the Leader to write to the relevant minister indicating this opposition and the reasons why and requesting this measure should be excluded from the Elections Bill.

That should mandatory photo ID be passed into law, this council will investigate low-cost and no-cost options for residents, bearing in mind the barriers outlined and focus efforts to promote the ID to those who are most likely to need it.

Proposer: Cllr Mellen

Seconder: Cllr Scarff

Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 25 November 2021 at 5.30 pm.

Webcasting/ Live Streaming

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSWf_0D13zmeqAf5Qv_aZSg

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