



AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 25TH JANUARY 2024 – 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, 25th January, 2024 at 5.30 pm.

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Arthur Charvonja
Chief Executive



MSDC COUNCIL	
DATE:	THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY 2024 5.30 PM
VENUE:	KING EDMUND CHAMBER, ENDEAVOUR HOUSE, 8 RUSSELL ROAD, IPSWICH

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**PART 1
MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC PRESENT**

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| 2 | DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS | |
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| 5 | LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS | |
| 6 | TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE
WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES | |

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 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.

- 14 **MC/23/36 STOWMARKET HEALTH, EDUCATION AND LEISURE FACILITIES (SHELF)** 115 - 156

Cabinet Members for Thriving Towns & Rural Communities and Environment, Culture & Wellbeing

- 15 **MC/23/37 SKILLS & INNOVATION CENTRE ON GATEWAY 14** 157 - 170

Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resilience

- 16 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC (WHICH TERM INCLUDES THE PRESS)**

To consider whether, pursuant to Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public should be excluded from the meeting for the business specified below on the grounds that if the public were present during these item(s), it is likely that there would be the disclosure to them of exempt information as indicated against each item.

The author(s) of the report(s) proposed to be considered in Part 2 of the Agenda are satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

PART 2

- 17 **RESTRICTED APPENDICES - STOWMARKET HEALTH, EDUCATION AND LEISURE FACILITIES (SHELF)** 171 - 200

Cabinet Members for Thriving Towns & Rural Communities and Environment, Culture & Wellbeing

- 18 **RESTRICTED APPENDICES - SKILLS & INNOVATION CENTRE ON GATEWAY 14** 201 - 312

Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resilience

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

- 20 **COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENTS**

To agree the following appointments:

Suffolk Enhanced Bus Partnership
Teresa Davis
Rowland Warboys

- 21 **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

21a **TO CONSIDER THE MOTION ON NOTICE RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR OVERETT**

Background Information

Community Rail Partnerships are a fundamental strand of the Government's Community Rail Strategy which, supported by the rail industry, aims to engage local communities in the development and promotion of local and rural railway routes and stations.

Each Community Rail Partnership (CRP) is an association comprised of the railway industry, councils, and local voluntary sector, whose focus is on a specific railway line. Its objectives are to increase passenger numbers along a particular line, to engage with local communities, and to support social and economic development, especially leisure and tourism. Sustainable travel and climate objectives are a key element in everything a CRP achieves.

The cost to MSDC would be a contribution of £1000 per year per Mid Suffolk station (£4000 per annum in total), with other councils, all of whom have indicated their support in principle, expected to contribute the same. Greater Anglia will contribute significant funds of £20 to £25K, meaning that there are real opportunities to make a significant difference all along the line. This may include partnerships to support mental health and to tackle exclusion and loneliness, and initiatives such as arts projects, events, themed day trips during school holidays, and station improvements such as murals and floral displays. Suffolk County Council has agreed fund in line with their support for other CRPs and to host a part-time member of staff to drive this work forward.

Proposal

This Council resolves to work to set up a Mid Anglia Community Rail Partnership encompassing the rail stations of Thurston, Elmswell, Stowmarket and Needham Market.

This Council agrees to contact Greater Anglia to progress this Partnership as soon as possible.

Proposer: Cllr Jen Overett

Secunder: Cllr David Bradbury

Appendix

- In 2017 Greater Anglia published proposals for CRPs covering all its local services. The first of these was in Norfolk around 25 years ago, and of the nine now in place, the most local is the East Suffolk Line along the Ipswich to Felixstowe and Ipswich to Lowestoft routes. In summary, most of Greater Anglia's rail services have now got a CRP, and the Ipswich to Cambridge line is one of the last that hasn't.
- The Ipswich to Cambridge line includes the stations of Needham Market, Stowmarket, Elmswell, Thurston, Bury St Edmunds, Kennett, and Newmarket. Our officers have been in touch with Ipswich Borough Council, West Suffolk and East Cambridgeshire District Councils, Suffolk County Council and Cambridge City Council and all are supportive. The Mid Anglia Rail Passengers Association (MARPA), who are strong advocates for a CRP, have approached Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority and we understand that they agree such an initiative would be useful.

b TO CONSIDER THE MOTION ON NOTICE RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR MATTHISSEN

- 1) This Council recognises the excellent response to floods associated with Storms Babet, Ciaran and Henk within our communities. Only collaborative efforts of communities and statutory agencies provide immediate interventions to critical and widespread incidents such as those experienced in recent months. Rectifying longer term disruption to residents and businesses must be a shared responsibility of this Council and partner agencies.
- 2) That the Chair on behalf of the Council be requested to write to all parish councils to call on them to assess flood risk in their communities and develop a local flood resilience plan supported by professional expertise with assistance from the Council as necessary, and that;
- 3) The Council calls on Suffolk County Council and the Environment Agency to accelerate the recovery phase of repairs and urgently addressing the infrastructure maintenance backlog.
- 4) Concurrent with the above, the Council calls on Suffolk County Council, DEFRA, the Environment Agency and Natural England to focus attention on both natural flood alleviation measures and structural remedial activity to mitigate future risk of flooding to property and essential infrastructure. These approaches should be managed and a balance struck to ensure maximisation of environmental benefit and limitation of carbon intensive solutions (e.g. mechanical flood defences) to only those areas where the former is impractical or ineffective.
- 5) It will be vital to bring together technical expertise (hydrology and ecology) along with local knowledge of landowners and their representative bodies (e.g. National Farmers Union, Country Landowners Association and Nature Friendly Farming Network) and third sector partners (e.g. The Pickerel Project and River Waveney Trust).

Proposer: Cllr John Matthissen

Secunder: Cllr Tim Weller

Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 22 February 2024 at 5.30 pm.

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