



## **AGENDA**

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 2024 –  
5.30 PM**

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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, 22nd February, 2024 at 5.30 pm.

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Arthur Charvonja  
Chief Executive

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<b>MSDC COUNCIL</b>	
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<b>VENUE:</b>	<b>KING EDMUND CHAMBER, ENDEAVOUR HOUSE, 8 RUSSELL ROAD, IPSWICH</b>

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

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**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

**2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS**

**3 MC/23/38 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2024 7 - 22**

**4 LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**5 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 11, the Chief Executive will report the receipt of any petitions.

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

The Chair 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.

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

The Chair 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        **MC/23/39 EMPTY HOMES AND SECOND HOMES POLICY**        23 - 42

Cabinet Member for Housing and Property

9        **MC/23/40 GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2024-2025 AND FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK**        43 - 84

Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19.3, immediately after any vote is taken at a budget decision meeting of the Council, the names of Councillors who cast a vote for the decision or against the decision or who abstained from voting shall be recorded in the Minutes of that meeting.

At its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Cabinet considered Paper MCa/23/42, the General Fund Budget for 2024/25 and four-year outlook. Paper MC/23/40 now includes all the relevant updated information plus the tax base, precepts and council tax band information at parish level, together with the necessary recommendations.

10       **MC/23/41 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) 2024/25 BUDGET**       85 - 100

Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources

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At its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Cabinet considered Paper MCa/23/43, the Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2024/25. Paper MC/23/41 now includes all relevant updated information and the necessary recommendations.

11      **MC/23/42 JOINT CAPITAL, INVESTMENT AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES 2024-2025**      101 - 176

Joint Chair of Joint Audit and Standards Committee

At its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Joint Audit and Standards Committee considered Paper JAC/23/19, the Joint Capital, Investment and Treasury Management Strategies. Paper MC/23/42 now includes all the relevant updated information, together with the necessary recommendations.

12      **COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENTS**

To agree the following appointments:

**Named substitutes for Planning Committee**

Colin Lay  
David Penny  
Anders Linder  
Adrienne Marriott

13      **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Date and Time of next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 20 March 2024 at 5.30 pm.

**Webcasting/ Live Streaming**

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