

# SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL



## Agenda

**Thursday 15 September 2016**

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**DATE: 15 September 2016**

**PLACE: King Edmund Chamber, Endeavour House, Ipswich**

**TIME: 2.00 pm.**

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## **AGENDA**

**1. Chairman's Announcements**

To receive announcements from the Chairman.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence from Members.

**3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests, and the nature of that interest, in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

To approve, as a correct record, the attached minutes of the meeting of Council held on 14 July 2016.

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**5. Public Questions**

To attend to the following questions received from members of the public, in accordance with Rule 28.2, to the County Council's Rules of Procedure (Part 2 of the Constitution).

The question period will not exceed 20 minutes and questions must be notified, in writing, to the Monitoring Officer by no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 8 September 2016.

6. **Motions**

*There are no papers for this item.*

In accordance with Rule 3.1, the following Motion has been received:

Motion 1 Proposed by Councillor Matthew Hicks and seconded by Councillor Joanna Spicer

*“Suffolk County Council is proud of its relationship with the Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service as an efficient and well respected Fire Authority sitting within the County Council. We acknowledge the Home Secretary and Prime Minister’s clear desire as set out in the Police & Crime Bill to increase blue light integration, something we have already achieved with great success in Suffolk. We ask that Suffolk County Council remains committed to explore all the options available to us so that we continue to do what is in the best interests of Suffolk in terms of safety, prevention and protection.”*

Motion 2 Proposed by Councillor Sarah Adams and seconded by Councillor Sandy Martin

*“This Council believes that high quality Residential Care is a vital part of an excellent Adult Social Care service and a key ingredient in ensuring that this authority meets its legal duty of care to vulnerable elderly people.*

*This Council acknowledges that lack of staff training and the financial viability of private care providers are major factors behind the growing trend of Care Home closures and poor ratings.*

*Therefore, this Council requests;*

- That the Council immediately ceases the practice of placing residents in Care Homes already rated “Inadequate” or “Requires Improvement”.*
- That Suffolk County Council work with care providers to agree Council payment rates which will provide a more sustainable level of care.*
- That the Administration consider the good practice displayed by other authorities and establish Suffolk County Council as a training provider for Care Home staff.”*

7. **Arrangements for Appointment of External Auditors**

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To consider a report of the Director of Resource Management.

8. **Extension of Appointment of Independent Persons**

*Pages 33 - 36*

To consider a report of the Chief Executive.

## 9. Cabinet Member Reports and Questions

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- (i) To receive the reports by Cabinet Members; and
- (ii) To allow for questions to Cabinet Members and answers. A Member will be allowed to ask **only one question** during this period although he or she will be entitled to one supplementary question arising directly from the original question or reply.

A Member may only ask a question if notice, in writing, has been received by the Monitoring Officer **no later than 10.00 am on Tuesday 13 September 2016.**

### **Date of next scheduled meetings.**

Please note the meeting previously scheduled for 20 October 2016 will not take place. The dates of future meetings are:

Wednesday 2 November 2016 at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 8 December 2016 at 2.00 p.m.

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<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/council-and-democracy/the-council-and-its-committees/Public-Questions-Council-Cabinet.pdf>

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