

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL



Agenda

Thursday 8 December 2016

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DATE: 8 December 2016

PLACE: King Edmund Chamber, Endeavour House, Ipswich

TIME: 2.00 pm.

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AGENDA

1. Thought for the Day

To receive a Thought for the Day from Sister Marian Davey, AOS (Apostleship of the Sea) Port Chaplain for the Ports of Felixstowe, Ipswich, Mistley, Harwich, Lowestoft and Kings Lynn.

2. Chairman's Announcements

To receive announcements from the Chairman.

3. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence from Members.

4. 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.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve, as a correct record, the attached minutes of the meeting of Council 23 November 2016.

Pages 7 -12

6. 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 2 December 2016.

7. 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 James Finch and seconded by Councillor Guy McGregor

On Sunday 16 October the nine year Greater Anglia Rail Franchise began with Abellio Greater Anglia as the winning bidder. This was mainly because of their focus on what their travelling customers were demanding and have included a major series of improvements for rail services in the region, which include a range of much needed improvements.

The reliability of the Franchise this last two years has been hampered by unreliable rolling stock, the effects of the competing freight service on the same lines and lastly by the unreliability of the infrastructure run by Network Rail. This causes regular major delays to the intercity and local service.

The Franchise Contract improvements require significant investments for the upgrading of the infrastructure by National Rail.

Suffolk County Council moves that the Leader and the Chief Executive write to Suffolk MP's and the Department for Transport to confirm that Network Rail has the focus and resources at the right time, to deliver the necessary improvements to the infrastructure in collaboration with Greater Anglia. This will enable them to achieve their franchise commitments over the nine-year period so the residents of Suffolk can be assured that a fit for purpose rail infrastructure is in place.

Motion 2: Proposed by Councillor Helen Armitage and seconded by Councillor Sonia Barker

This Council reaffirms its commitment to the safeguarding of Children as a key priority and believes that the exceptional rise in the number of young people going in to care represents a major and urgent challenge to the authority.

This Council acknowledges that innovative and flexible measures that provide a range of services to children and families, supporting minors to remain in their family care

where it is safe to do so, are key components of an effective care strategy.

Therefore, this Council calls on the administration to:

- Pilot a 'short breaks' programme, which focuses on giving respite breaks for families with children on the 'edge of care', with a view to establishing the programme as a permanent intervention service for vulnerable families
- Work alongside and financially support third-sector organisations, such as Icenl and 4YP, to provide a comprehensive family support system to complement the 'short breaks' programme

Motion 3: Proposed by Councillor Keith Patience and seconded by Councillor Sarah Adams

This Council commits to adopt and promote the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Charter.

By adopting the MND Charter, this Council pledges to deliver to those living with MND and their carers:

- *The right to an early diagnosis and information*
- *The right to access quality care and treatments*
- *The right to be treated as individuals, with dignity and respect*
- *The right to maximise their quality of life*
- *Respect and support for carers of people with MND*

The Council also agrees to promote the Charter amongst Councillors, staff, partner organisations and health and social care professionals who deliver services for the Council.

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| 8. Suffolk Minds Matter Annual Public Health Report | <i>Pages 13 - 16</i> |
| <i>To consider a report of the Director of Public Health.</i> | |
| 9. Annual Property Report and Asset Management Plan 2016 | <i>Pages 17 - 40</i> |
| <i>To consider a report of the Director of Resource Management.</i> | |
| 10. County Council Elections – 4 May 2017: Appointment of Returning Officer | <i>There are no papers for this item.</i> |

The Representation of the People Act 1983 requires the County Council to appoint an officer of the Council to be the Returning Officer for elections of the Councillors of the Council.

It is recommended that Deborah Cadman, Chief Executive, be appointed as the Returning Officer for the County Council elections to be held on 4 May 2017 and any subsequent by-elections.

11. Amendments to the County Council's Constitution *Pages 41 - 56*

To consider a report by the Director of Resource Management.

12. Cabinet Member Reports and Questions *Pages 57 - 120*

- (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 6 December 2016.**

Date of next scheduled meeting

Thursday 9 February 2017

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