

# **EXECUTIVE MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2025  
GALLERY 2, TOWN HALL  
7.10 PM**

**Present:** Neil MacDonald (Leader), Bryony Rudkin (Deputy Leader), John Cook, Martin Cook, Carole Jones, Jane Riley, Alasdair Ross, Philip Smart, Lucy Trenchard and Ian Fisher

**111. Apologies for Absence**

There were no Apologies for Absence.

**112. Unconfirmed Minutes of Previous Meeting**

It was RESOLVED:

that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2025 be signed as a true record.

**113. To Confirm or Vary the Order of Business**

It was RESOLVED:

that the Order of Business be confirmed as printed on the Agenda.

**114. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**115. E/24/55 Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Suffolk**

115.1. Councillor MacDonald noted that an addendum had been circulated. Councillor MacDonald introduced the report, noting that this was a once in a generation opportunity to reshape Local Government in Suffolk and thereby improve the lives of residents.

**It was RESOLVED:**

- a) that Executive notes the views of Council, as expressed at its meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**
- b) that Executive notes the content of the draft Interim Plan attached at Appendix 2 of the report and the Case for a unitary Ipswich Council at Appendix 1 of the report.**
- c) that Executive authorises the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to finalise the submission of an Interim Plan to Government for its 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025 deadline.**
- d) that Executive certifies the decision at c) as urgent and exempt from call-in.**

Reason: to comply with the Government's requirement to receive an Interim Plan for Local Government Reorganisation by 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

**116. Exclusion of Public**

**It was RESOLVED:**

**that the public (including the Press) be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items under Regulation 21 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 as it was likely that if members of the public were present during these items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information falling within paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).**

**117. Unconfirmed Exempt Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**It was RESOLVED:**

**that the exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2025 be signed as a true record.**

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm

**Chair**