

Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall on Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 6.00 pm.

Present: - Councillors	Tony Blacker	Tim Lockington
	Pat Bruce-Browne	Neil MacDonald
	Stephen Connelly	Chu Man
	John Cook	Philip McSweeney
	Martin Cook	Lynne Mortimer
	Roxanne Downes	Edward Phillips
	K Elango Elavalakan	Adam Rae
	David Ellesmere	Lee Reynolds
	Ian Fisher	Jane Riley
	Gary Forster	Alasdair Ross
	Cathy Frost	Bryony Rudkin
	Peter Gardiner	Christine Shaw
	Julian Gibbs	Colin Smart
	Tracy Grant	Philip Smart
	Oliver Holmes	Jenny Smith
	Corinna Hudson	Lucy Trenchard
	Elizabeth Hughes	James Whatling
	Carole Jones	Nathan Wilson
	Colin Kreidewolf	Colin Wright
	George Lankester	Erion Xhaferaj

73. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Bartholomew, Cracknell, El-Safty, I Lockington, Long, Muhith, Murray and Pope.

74. To Confirm the Minutes from the Previous Council Meeting.

It was RESOLVED:

that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2025 be signed as a true record.

75. To Confirm or Vary the Order of Business on the Agenda.

It was RESOLVED:

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

76. To Receive any Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

77. Mayor's Communications.

The Mayor noted that his communications had been circulated.

78. Councillors to answer questions asked in accordance with Procedure Rule 9.

Question from:	Question put to:	Question Title:
Councillor T Lockington	Councillor Trenchard	Parks Closing Times
Councillor Phillips	Councillor Riley	Commercial Events
Councillor Fisher	Councillor Riley	Ipswich Entertainment Package Deals

79. C/24/23 To Consider a Report from Councillor MacDonald on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Suffolk.

The Mayor noted that an Addendum had been circulated in relation to this report.

It was **RESOLVED** on a motion **MOVED** by Councillor MacDonald and **SECONDED** by Councillor Fisher:

- a) that Council confirm its support for a three unitary model of local government for Suffolk;
- b) that the content of Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 to the report be noted and that these documents be recommended to Executive for consideration.

The vote on this motion was unanimous.

80. C/24/24 To Consider a Report from Councillor Rudkin on the Pay Policy Statement 2025/26.

It was **RESOLVED** on a motion **MOVED** by Councillor Rudkin and **SECONDED** by Councillor Hughes:

that the Pay Policy Statement at Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

81. C/24/25 To Consider a Report from the Monitoring Officer on the Appointment of Independent Persons.

It was **RESOLVED** on a motion **MOVED** by the Mayor:

- a) that the appointment of the individuals listed in Paragraph 2.10 of the report as Independent Persons for the Borough Council be approved for a period of 2 years, commencing on the date of this meeting, with an option on the part of the Council to extend any appointment for a further 2 years; and,

- b) that the joint administration arrangements detailed in the report in respect of the pool of Independent Persons be noted.

82. To Consider nominations/changes of Councillors to serve on Committees, Panels, Working Groups and Outside Bodies.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- a) that Councillor Cracknell replace Councillor Downes on the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- b) that Councillor Connelly fill the resulting vacancy for a Substitute on the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm

Chair