

Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 15 February 2024, vote taken on Agenda Item 7 Revenue Budget 2024-2025 and Capital Programme 2024-2029.

Motion – Proposed by Councillor Richard Rout and seconded by Councillor Matthew Hicks.

Motion Text: Council is recommended to agree the following recommendations of Cabinet which were agreed at its meeting on 30 January 2024:

- a) the Council's Budget Strategy (as outlined in paragraphs 21 to 25 of this report);
- b) the Council's planned revenue expenditure, income and funding as outlined in the 2024-25 Revenue Budget leading to a 2024-25 Budget Requirement of £587,540,436 and the 2024-28 Medium Term Financial Plan as outlined in Appendices C and E;
- c) an increase in Council Tax of 4.99 per cent for 2024-25, equating to a £74.61 rise for a Band D property, from £1,496.43 in 2023-24 to £1,571.04 in 2024-25. Council Tax comprises an element relating to county-wide services and an element for the Social Care Precept, with the rise consisting of:
 - i) an increase in the Council Tax relating to county-wide services of £44.68 for a Band D property, from £1,307.90 in 2023-24 to £1,352.58 in 2024-25, a rise equivalent to a 2.99 per cent increase in Council Tax;
 - ii) an increase in the Social Care Precept ringfenced to help fund Adult Social Care of £29.93 for a Band D property, from £188.53 in 2023- 24 to £218.46 in 2024-25, a rise equivalent to a 2.00 per cent increase in Council Tax;
- d) a Council Tax requirement/total precept on the Collection Funds of Suffolk's District and Borough Councils of £418,306,666 which includes the precept to fund Adult Social Care of £58,167,376;
- e) the Reserves Strategy and reserves plans for the period of the 2024-28 Medium Term Financial Plan as detailed in Appendix D of the report;
- f) the Capital Strategy, and Capital Programme for 2024-29 totalling £524,995,000 of which £157,895,000 is due to be spent in 2024-25, as detailed in Appendix F, Section 1 & Section 2);
- g) the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, Treasury Management Strategy, Prudential Indicators and Investment Strategy (Appendix F, Section 3, Section 4 & Section 5);
- h) The estimated additional funding announced by the Secretary of State, 24th January 2024 be used to:
 - i) reverse the £0.045 million savings on the music service in 2024-25
 - ii) to reduce the draw down from the Risk Reserve by £7.155 million to £8.715 million in 2024-25
 - iii) recognised a £0.500 million per annum project pot for the Arts and Heritage sector commencing from April 2025.

Council is also recommended to agree the 2024-25 Annual Plan (Appendix H)

Total results	
For	37
Against	17
Abstain	

Conservative Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Edward Back	For		
Peter Beer			
Bobby Bennett	For		
Stuart Bird	For		
Elaine Bryce	For		
Stephen Burroughes			
Nadia Cenci	For		
Jenny Ceresa			
Chris Chambers	For		
Judy Cloke	For		
Andy Drummond	For		
Robert Everitt			
Philip Faircloth-Mutton	For		
James Finch	For		
Jessica Fleming	For		
Mick Fraser	For		
David Goldsmith			
Peter Gould			
Georgia Hall			
Liz Harsant	For		
Ryan Harvey			
T-J Haworth-Culf			
Matthew Hicks	For		
Rachel Hood	For		
Beccy Hopfensperger	For		
Christopher Hudson	For		
Michael Ladd	For		
Stuart Lawson	For		
Joe Mason	For		
Debbie McCallum			
Patti Mulcahy			
Sam Murray			
David Nettleton			
Alexander Nicoll	For		
Colin Noble	For		
Kay Oakes	For		
James Reeder	For		
Andrew Reid	For		
Debbie Richards	For		

Craig Rivett	For		
David Roach	For		
Keith Robinson	For		
Richard Rout	For		
Richard Smith MVO	For		
Karen Soons	For		
Heike Sowa	For		
Joanna Spicer	For		
Lance Stanbury	For		
Jamie Starling			
Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro			
Paul West	For		
Steve Wiles			
Nathan Wilson	For		

Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Seamus Bennett		Against	
Jessie Carter		Against	
Annette Dunning		Against	
Simon Harley		Against	
Richard Kemp			
Ruth Leach		Against	
Ash Lever		Against	
Robert Lindsay		Against	
Inga Lockington		Against	
Victor Lukaniuk		Against	
Andy Mellen		Against	
Penny Otton		Against	
Keith Scarff		Against	
Andrew Stringer		Against	
Caroline Topping		Against	
Keith Welham		Against	

Labour Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Sarah Adams		Against	
Rob Bridgeman			
Elizabeth Johnson			
Sandy Martin		Against	
Lucy Smith			

Ungrouped Councillor

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Peter Thompson			