

## Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 7 December 2023, vote taken on Motion 2 as amended.

Motion 2 – Proposed by Councillor Paul West and seconded by Councillor Steve Wiles.

Motion Text: This council extends its thanks to the communities, farmers, Highways teams and other council officers who worked so hard during Storm Babet and other recent storms to assist people whose homes and businesses had been flooded, and who were stranded across the county.

The storm and consequent flooding have been described as a one-in-100-year event, although this will be of little comfort to those with damaged homes businesses and belongings, with costly repairs.

In order to assist with the measures against flooding, the following should be undertaken:

1. High-risk flood areas, including areas prone to residential and commercial premises flooding will have the frequency of cyclic gully and drain clearance reviewed; increasing the frequency to every 3 months in heavily silted areas, and that where an investigative report triggered by Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 makes a recommendation on gully cleansing, that it shall be accepted.
2. All identified gullies that are damaged should be assessed and actioned according to the safety intervention matrix of the County Council's Highway Maintenance Operational Plan (Matrix E).
3. Continue to work with district and borough councils, Anglian Water and Environment Agency to coordinate cyclical maintenances and flooding alleviation schemes
4. Notes that the County Council has been the Statutory Consultee for Surface Water on major developments since 2015 and comments on over 1,000 applications per annum with over 90% being responded to within 21 days and thanks the relevant team.
5. Calls on all Districts and Boroughs in Suffolk with responsibility under The Environmental Protection Act 1990 Section 89(1) and (2) to ensure that all roads are swept at least four times a year to ensure that detritus is not carried into highway drainage systems, thereby restricting their capacity to manage flood water.

<b>Total results</b>	
For	39
Against	8
Abstain	5

### Conservative Group

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

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

**Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group**

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

**Labour Group**

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

**Ungrouped Councillor**

<b>Councillor's Name</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Peter Thompson			