

## Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 16 September 2025, vote taken on Agenda Item 3 Devolution Priority Programme: Suffolk County Council's Local Government Reorganisation Business Case Proposal.

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

Motion Text: Council is asked to:

- a) Note that on 16 September 2025, the Leader and Cabinet will consider responding to the Ministerial invitation letter of 5 February 2025 with the draft business case proposal for One Suffolk, a single countywide unitary council for Suffolk that accompanies this paper.
- b) Endorse the One Suffolk business case proposal and ask that Cabinet give this debate and vote due regard when reaching its decision.

<b>Total results</b>	
For	43
Against	17
Abstain	2

### Conservative Group

<b>Councillor's Name</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Edward Back	For		
Peter Beer	For		
Bobby Bennett	For		
Stuart Bird	For		
Elaine Bryce	For		
Stephen Burroughes	For		
Nadia Cenci	For		
Jenny Ceresa	For		
Chris Chambers	For		
Judy Cloke	For		
Andy Drummond	For		
Philip Faircloth-Mutton	For		
James Finch			
Jessica Fleming	For		
Mick Fraser			
David Goldsmith	For		
Georgia Hall			
Liz Harsant	For		
Ryan Harvey	For		
T-J Haworth-Culf			

Matthew Hicks	For		
Rachel Hood	For		
Beccy Hopfensperger	For		
Michael Ladd	For		
Stuart Lawson			
Henry Lloyd	For		
Joe Mason	For		
Debbie McCallum	For		
Patti Mulcahy	For		
Sam Murray			
Alexander Nicoll	For		
Colin Noble	For		
Kay Oakes	For		
James Reeder	For		
Andrew Reid	For		
Debbie Richards	For		
David Roach	For		
Keith Robinson	For		
Richard Rout	For		
Richard Smith MVO	For		
Karen Soons			
Heike Sowa	For		
Joanna Spicer	For		
Lance Stanbury	For		
Jamie Starling			Abstain
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		Against	
Simon Harley		Against	
Richard Kemp			
Ruth Leach		Against	
Ash Lever		Against	
Robert Lindsay		Against	
Inga Lockington		Against	
Victor Lukaniuk			
Andy Mellen		Against	
Penny Otton			
Keith Scarff		Against	
Andrew Stringer		Against	
Caroline Topping		Against	
Keith Welham		Against	

**Labour Group**

<b>Councillor's Name</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Rob Bridgeman		Against	
Peter Byatt		Against	
Adele Cook			
Elizabeth Farrow		Against	
Sandy Martin		Against	
Lucy Smith			

**Reform UK Councillors**

<b>Councillor's Name</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Christopher Hudson	For		
Martin Robinson	For		

**Ungrouped Independent Councillors**

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