

Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 12 February 2026, vote taken on Agenda Item 7 Revenue Budget 2026-27 and Capital Programme 2026-29.

Motion – Proposed by Councillor Richard Smith MVO 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 27 January 2026:

- a) the Council's Budget Strategy (as outlined in paragraphs 17 to 23 of this report);
- b) the Council's planned revenue expenditure, income and funding as outlined in the 2026-27 Revenue Budget leading to a 2026-27 Net Expenditure Budget of £849,984,000, incorporating a 2026-27 Budget Requirement of £758,651,592, and the 2026-30 Medium Term Financial Plan as outlined in Appendices C and E;
- c) an increase in Council Tax of 4.99 per cent for 2026-27, equating to a £82.26 rise for a Band D property, from £1,649.43 in 2025-26 to £1,731.69 in 2026-27. Council Tax comprises an element relating to county-wide services and an element for the Adult Social Care Precept, with the rise consisting of:
 - i. an increase in the Council Tax relating to county-wide services of £49.27 for a Band D property, from £1,399.55 in 2025-26 to £1,448.82 in 2026-27, a rise equivalent to a 2.99% increase in Council Tax;
 - ii. an increase in the Adult Social Care Precept ringfenced to help fund Adult Social Care of £32.99 for a Band D property, from £249.88 in 2025-26 to £282.87 in 2026-27, a rise equivalent to a 2.00% increase in Council Tax.
- d) a Council Tax requirement/total precept on the Collection Funds of Suffolk's District and Borough Councils of £482,164,993 which includes the precept to fund Adult Social Care of £78,761,217;
- e) the Reserves Strategy and reserves plans for the period of the 2026-30 Medium Term Financial Plan as detailed in Appendix D of the report;
- f) the Capital Strategy, and Capital Programme for 2026-29 totalling £298,166,000 of which £131,902,000 is due to be spent in 2026-27, as detailed in, Appendix F, Section 1 & Section 2 and Appendix G);
- g) the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, Treasury Management Strategy, Prudential Indicators and Investment Strategy (Appendix F, Section 3, Section 4 & Section 5);
- h) the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy to apply available and uncommitted capital receipts to support the transitional costs of Local Government Reorganisation (Appendix F, Section 6).

Total results	
For	50
Against	4
Abstain	4

Conservative Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Edward Back	For		
Peter Beer	For		
Bobby Bennett	For		
Stuart Bird	For		
Elaine Bryce	For		
Stephen Burroughes	For		
Nadia Cenci			
Jenny Ceresa	For		
Chris Chambers	For		
Judy Cloke	For		
Andy Drummond	For		
James Finch	For		
Jessica Fleming	For		
Mick Fraser			
David Goldsmith	For		
Georgia Hall	For		
Liz Harsant	For		
Ryan Harvey	For		
T-J Haworth-Culf			
Matthew Hicks	For		
Rachel Hood	For		
Beccy Hopfensperger	For		
Michael Ladd	For		
Stuart Lawson	For		
Henry Lloyd	For		
Joe Mason	For		
Debbie McCallum			
Alexander Nicoll	For		
Colin Noble	For		
Kay Oakes			
James Reeder	For		
Andrew Reid	For		
Debbie Richards	For		
David Roach	For		
Keith Robinson	For		
Richard Rout	For		
Richard Smith MVO	For		
Karen Soons	For		
Joanna Spicer	For		
Lance Stanbury	For		

Jamie Starling			
Paul West	For		
Steve Wiles	For		
Nathan Wilson	For		

Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group

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

Labour Group

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

Reform UK Councillors

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Philip Faircloth-Mutton		Against	
Christopher Hudson		Against	
Patti Mulcahy			
June Mummery			
Martin Robinson		Against	
Heike Sowa		Against	

Ungrouped Independent Councillors

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Sam Murray	For		
David Nettleton			
Peter Thompson			