

Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 21 May 2026, vote taken on agenda item 8 Election of Leader of the Council.

Motion – Proposed by Councillor Philip Faircloth-Mutton and seconded by Councillor Christopher Hudson.

That Councillor Michael Hadwen be elected as Leader of the Council until the Annual Meeting in 2030.

Total results	
For	38
Against	27
Abstain	2

Conservative Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Bobby Bennett		Against	
Elaine Bryce		Against	
Matthew Hicks		Against	
Beccy Hopfensperger		Against	
Darius Laws		Against	
Joe Mason		Against	
Debbie McCallum		Against	
Harry Richardson		Against	
Richard Rout		Against	

Green Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Peter Aiano		Against	
Matt Bentley		Against	
Simon Dowling		Against	
Annette Dunning		Against	
Ash Lever		Against	
Robert Lindsay		Against	
Sally Mittuch		Against	
Stephen Molyneux		Against	
James Patchett		Against	
Dylan Roques		Against	
Laura Smith		Against	
Andrew Stringer		Against	
Keith Welham		Against	

Labour Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Adele Cook		Against	
Martin Cook		Against	
Colin Kreidewolf		Against	

Liberal Democrats Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Ruth Leach		Against	
Inga Lockington		Against	

Reform Uk Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Simon Aalders	For		
Stuart Allen	For		
Vicky Armstrong	For		
Paul Bains	For		
Mark Barber	For		
Robin Baxter-Ayling	For		
Morgan Brobyn	For		
Andrew Burton	For		
Louis Busuttil			
Tim Buttle	For		
Chris Cox	For		
Asa Downing	For		
Philip Faircloth-Mutton	For		
Tristan Gale	For		
Tony Gould	For		
Michael Hadwen	For		
David Hill	For		
Christopher Hudson	For		
David Hurlbut	For		
Alistair Jeffreys	For		
Tim Kent	For		
Gary Keogh	For		
Trevor Lailey	For		
Paul Littman	For		
Tony Love	For		
John Matthews	For		
Patti Mulcahy	For		
June Mummery	For		
Luke O'Brien	For		
Ryan Procter	For		

Jonathan Ramsay	For		
Richard Read			
Paul Reeder	For		
Martin Robinson	For		
Chris Smith	For		
Paul Sutton	For		
Rachael Tecklenberg	For		
Rupert Tonkin-Galvin	For		
Kerrie Turner			
Don Waldron	For		
Adrian Whittle	For		

Ungrouped Independent Councillors

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Julia Ewart			Abstain
John Nunn			Abstain