

Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 8 October 2026, vote taken on Agenda Item 8 – Amendments to the County Council's Constitution.

Motion – Proposed by Councillor Michael Hadwen and seconded by Councillor Adrian Whittle.

Motion text:

Council is asked to agree the recommendations from the Constitution Working Party as follows:

- a) In respect of Changes arising from the Town and Country Planning (Discharge of Local Planning Authority Functions) (England) Regulations 2026:
 - i) the amendments to the Constitution Part 3, Officer Delegations, as set out in Appendix 2 to this report;
 - ii) that the nominated member should be the Chairman of Development and Regulation Committee, substituted by the Vice Chairman of the Development and Regulation Committee should the Chairman be unable to act;
 - iii) that the nominated officer should be the Head of Planning, substituted by the Development Manager in the event that the Head of Planning is unable to act;
 - iv) that the requirement for a maximum number of 13 members on a planning committee is reflected as appropriate within Parts 1 and 2 of the Constitution, as set out in paragraphs 25 and 26 of this report;
 - v) that these amendments should come into force with effect from 31 October 2026.
- b) In respect of changes to Pension Fund Governance
 - i) Updates to Part 1 Articles of the Constitution, paragraphs 14 and 15 which set out the responsibilities of the Pension Fund Committee and the Suffolk Pension Board, and the removal of paragraph 16 covering the ACCESS Joint Committee (Appendix 3).
 - ii) Updates to Part 3 Officer Delegations to put in place an LGPS Senior Officer and amend the S151 Officer's responsibilities in relation to the Pension Fund (see paragraphs 35-26 of this report).
 - iii) To replace Part 4.3 The Pension Fund Governance Policy Statement in its entirety with the Suffolk Pension Fund Governance Strategy attached at Appendix 4.

Members present agreed the motion by general assent.