

Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 18 March 2021, vote taken on Motion 1 as amended.

Motion 1 – Proposed by Councillor Matthew Hicks and seconded by Councillor Nick Gowrley.

Motion Text:

This Council applauds the major investment schemes announced for Suffolk by the Government two weeks ago as part of its levelling up agenda: namely the £50m Towns Fund awards for Ipswich and Lowestoft, and the establishment of FreeportEast, which is estimated to create 13,500 jobs and secure up to £650m investment in our region.

We are also proud of road schemes, delivered and under construction: Eastern Relief Road, Bury St Edmunds, Beccles Southern Relief Road, and the Eye Airfield which all unlock growth and generate new jobs for Suffolk residents. In parallel, the wide-ranging programme of work the Council is undertaking across Suffolk to promote and support sustainable transport is a further example of our wider ambitions for levelling up across Suffolk: leading on the East-West Rail link and campaigning for £20m track works at Haughley, which will improve connectivity between Ipswich and Norwich and Ipswich and Cambridge; the creation of a network of hundreds of community EV charging points and commercial rapid charging EV stations on strategic routes; trialling electric bus services and the identification of £20m of upgrades to our cycle network.

A key element of Suffolk's long term post-Covid recovery plan must be a programme of further highway improvements to support the county's businesses and boost our economy and we therefore welcome that upgrades to A12/14 Copdock Interchange and A11 Fiveways Roundabout are pipeline schemes within the current Regional Investment Strategy (RIS) programmes.

Therefore, this Council resolves to thank our MP's, district and borough partners and other key stakeholders in Suffolk for their support and assistance in securing Freeport status and the Towns Fund awards and to work with them and other stakeholders on securing this investment and:

1. Calls on the both the Department for Transport and Highways England to ensure that all the necessary preparations are carried out in respect of Copdock and Fiveways so that funding can be secured in the next RIS period.
2. Write to the Secretary of State to reaffirm our support for the crucial projects to upgrade the A14, Britain's Premier Trading route, at Junction 37 at Exning; Junctions 43 and 44 at Bury St Edmunds and Junctions 56-58 around Ipswich.

Total results	
For	60
Against	1
Abstain	8

Conservative Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Mark Bee	For		
Peter Beer	For		
Stuart Bird	For		
Stephen Burroughes	For		
Louis Busuttil	For		
Jenny Ceresa	For		
Chris Chambers	For		
Andy Drummond	For		
Mary Evans	For		
Robert Everitt	For		
James Finch	For		
Jessica Fleming	For		
Quillon Fox	For		
Mick Fraser	For		
David Goldsmith	For		
Tony Goldson	For		
Nick Gowrley	For		
Gary Green			
Matthew Hicks	For		
Rachel Hood	For		
Beccy Hopfensperger	For		
Christopher Hudson	For		
Gordon Jones	For		
Michael Ladd	For		
Stuart Lawson	For		
Guy McGregor	For		
David Nettleton	For		
Graham Newman	For		
Alexander Nicoll	For		
Colin Noble	For		
Kay Oakes	For		
Patricia O'Brien	For		
Russ Rainger	For		
James Reeder	For		
Andrew Reid	For		
David Ritchie	For		
Craig Rivett	For		
David Roach	For		
Keith Robinson	For		
Richard Rout	For		

Richard Smith MVO	For		
Karen Soons	For		
Colin Spence	For		
Joanna Spicer	For		
Jamie Starling			
Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro	For		
Paul West	For		
Robert Whiting	For		
Steve Wiles	For		

Labour Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Jack Abbott	For		
Sarah Adams	For		
Helen Armitage	For		
Kathy Bole	For		
Kim Clements	For		
Sandra Gage	For		
Peter Gardiner	For		
Mandy Gaylard	For		
Jack Owen	For		
Keith Patience			
Bill Quinton			

Liberal Democrat, Green and Independent Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Trevor Beckwith			Abstain
Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw			Abstain
John Field			Abstain
Paula Fox			Abstain
Richard Kemp	For		
Robert Lindsay		Against	
Inga Lockington			Abstain
Victor Lukaniuk	For		
Penny Otton			Abstain
Caroline Page			
Andrew Stringer			Abstain
David Wood			Abstain

Independent

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Steve Ardley	For		
Jane Storey	For		