

Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 13 February 2025, vote taken on Agenda Item 7 Revenue Budget 2025-26 and Capital Programme 2025-29.

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 28 January 2025:

- a. the Council's Budget Strategy (as outlined in **paragraphs 17 to 22** of this report);
- b. the Council's planned revenue expenditure, income and funding as outlined in the 2025-26 Revenue Budget leading to a 2025-26 Budget Requirement of £629,516,892 and the 2025-29 Medium Term Financial Plan as outlined in **Appendices C and E**;
- c. an increase in Council Tax of 4.99 per cent for 2025-26, equating to a £78.39 rise for a Band D property, from £1,571.04 in 2024-25 to **£1,649.43** in 2025-26. 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 £46.97 for a Band D property, from £1,352.58 in 2024-25 to **£1,399.55** in 2025-26, a rise equivalent to a 2.99 per cent increase in Council Tax;
 - ii. an increase in the Adult Social Care Precept ringfenced to help fund Adult Social Care of £31.42 for a Band D property, from £218.46 in 2024-25 to **£249.88** in 2025-26, a rise equivalent to a 2.00 per cent increase in Council Tax;
- d. a Council Tax requirement/total precept on the Collection Funds of Suffolk's District and Borough Councils of £454,787,140 which includes the precept to fund Adult Social Care of £68,897,868;
- e. the Reserves Strategy and reserves plans for the period of the 2025-29 Medium Term Financial Plan as detailed in **Appendix D** of the report;
- f. the Capital Strategy, and Capital Programme for 2025-29 totalling £361,778,000 of which £65,685,000 is due to be spent in 2025-26, 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**);

Total results	
For	49
Against	4
Abstain	1

Conservative Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Edward Back			
Peter Beer		Against	
Bobby Bennett	For		
Stuart Bird	For		
Elaine Bryce	For		
Stephen Burroughes	For		
Nadia Cenci	For		
Jenny Ceresa			
Chris Chambers	For		
Judy Cloke	For		
Andy Drummond	For		
Robert Everitt	For		
Philip Faircloth-Mutton	For		
James Finch	For		
Jessica Fleming	For		
Mick Fraser	For		
David Goldsmith	For		
Georgia Hall	For		
Liz Harsant	For		
Ryan Harvey			
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			
Sam Murray			
David Nettleton			
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		
Heike Sowa	For		
Joanna Spicer	For		
Lance Stanbury			
Jamie Starling			
Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro	For		
Paul West	For		
Steve Wiles	For		
Nathan Wilson			

Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group

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

Labour Group

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

Ungrouped Independent Councillor

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Peter Thompson	For		

Ungrouped Reform UK Councillor

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Christopher Hudson			