

East Suffolk Council elects new Chairman for 2022/23



The Council has elected its new Chairman for the 2022/23 municipal year.

Jenny Ceresa, who represents the Carlton Colville ward, was appointed to the role at the annual meeting of the Full Council.

Cllr Ceresa takes over from Oulton Broad councillor, Keith Robinson, who was elected in September 2020 and chaired the council during the Covid-19 pandemic.

She was voted in as councillor for Carlton Colville in 2015 and has since served as a member of the planning committee and scrutiny committee. She was also elected to Suffolk County Council, for Lowestoft South, in 2017, and chairs the county council Development and Regulation Committee.

Cllr Ceresa's deputy for the 2022/23 municipal year will be Martlesham and Purdis Farm ward councillor, Chris Blundell.

East Suffolk Free Wi-Fi launches in Felixstowe

Following a successful launch in Lowestoft and as part of a range of exciting digital projects taking place across East Suffolk, free-to-use public Wi-Fi has launched in Felixstowe.

The East Suffolk Digital Towns programme will digitally transform market towns through the installation of free public Wi-Fi, digital footfall counters and town marketing platforms, alongside a business support programme called the Digital Springboard.



Supported by funding from the Getting Building Fund and New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership's Innovative Projects fund, the new technology was piloted in Framlingham in 2019 and has now been launched in the main shopping areas of Felixstowe, as well as the seafront areas, with other market towns to follow later this year.

New technology will enable the council to understand the number of visitors to the town, the busiest periods, the average time people spend in the town centre, and much more. This will enable the Economic Development Team to provide tailored support for local businesses and provide data-based evidence to support other ongoing projects.

East Suffolk is also working in partnership with an interactive walking app provider, Go Jauntly, to develop outdoor adventures across 12 towns and villages.

Following launches in Lowestoft and Felixstowe, East Suffolk Free Wi-Fi is provisionally scheduled to be available in Woodbridge, Southwold, Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth, Aldeburgh, Leiston and Saxmundham by October 2022.

Community Safety Ambassador events well received by participants



Dozens of people benefitted from attending two Community Safety Ambassador events staged by this Council.

The events brought together professionals from a range of organisations to share knowledge with people who regularly work to address the needs of older residents.

A total of 44 people left feedback following the events, with everyone agreeing that the content was practical to their needs and interests; that the training will be useful to share in their communities, and that the events increased their knowledge of everyday safety issues.

The awareness raising events were a chance for individual volunteers and organisations to pick up free advice on numerous topics, from home security and personal safety, to preventing the risk of falls around the home.

Both Community Safety Ambassadors events were organised by East Suffolk Council and funded by an underspend in councillors' collective Enabling Communities Budgets for 2021/22.

The events took place at the Hotel Victoria, in Lowestoft, and the Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, in Kesgrave.

In attendance were representatives of Suffolk Constabulary, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, Suffolk's Warm Homes Healthy People project, Suffolk Trading Standards, the Cassius digital care technology team and East Suffolk Council's antisocial behaviour lead.

Surveys and consultations

As always, we want to encourage participation in surveys and consultations, as feedback from people in East Suffolk is invaluable and helps us ensure we're making the right decisions for our communities.

- **Draft Housing in Clusters and Small Scale Residential Development in the Countryside Supplementary Planning Document**

Providing further guidance on the development of small scale housing, of up to five dwellings, in the countryside. The consultation is open until Friday 5 August at https://eastsuffolk.inconsult.uk/Draft_Housing_Clusters_SPD/consultationHome

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Notification of the submission of the draft East Suffolk CIL Charging Schedule

East Suffolk Council has prepared the East Suffolk Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule, which sets out the amount that certain kinds of development are required to pay to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure in the area.

The Council submitted the draft East Suffolk CIL Charging Schedule (and supporting evidence/information) for examination on 8 July 2022. The examiner, appointed by East Suffolk Council, is Mr Andrew Seaman MRTPI, of company Intelligent Plans and Examinations.

Following earlier consultation, some Proposed Modifications have been made to the draft CIL Charging Schedule. Anyone who wishes to be heard by the examiner in relation to any of the Proposed Modifications must inform the Council in writing by 5pm on 5 August 2022.

All the documents submitted for examination, including the draft CIL Charging Schedule and Statement of Modifications, can be viewed on the [Council's website](#), together with information on how to be heard by the examiner:

Parking review launched to evaluate changing demand and meet local need

East Suffolk Council has pledged to conduct a detailed review of parking management regulations and introduce new schemes to meet changing local demand.

The review will encompass regulations such as resident parking, short term parking bays and double yellow lines, and consider a variety of factors, including shifting patterns of town centre use and growth in housing.

Cabinet members met on Tuesday to approve recommendations for the review of existing rules and the allocation of a supplementary budget for the appointment of a Highways Technician/Engineer to provide the necessary resource and capability.

The recommendation for a review follows the transfer of parking enforcement powers from Suffolk Constabulary to individual local authorities in April 2020.

The review will examine the validity of existing parking management regulations and identify areas in which other regulations could improve highway user movement.

It will also focus on identifying streets where permit management regulations will prioritise on-street parking and where parking demand could be balanced using paid parking regulations.

Cllr Norman Brooks, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Transport, said: "Not only will this review help ensure we maintain fair, reasonable and consistent administration of civil parking enforcement, but it will help make a positive contribution to the Council's carbon neutral aims, delivering on our promise to put environmental issues at the heart of everything we do.

"By ensuring we manage the kerb-space in the right locations, we can reduce the need for vehicles to hunt for spaces in towns, potentially cutting congestion, and improve the highway network for all, including pedestrians and cyclists. It's about enabling people to safely travel for work and leisure, while having a minimum impact on the environment.

"By no means is this just about enforcement; it's about facilitating the most efficient use of the highway network."

The review will involve consultation with relevant town and parish councils, Business Improvement Districts, Suffolk County Council and other bodies, such as the Lowestoft Place Board and local business associations.

Any changes recommended to traffic regulation orders as a result of the review may require further Cabinet approval and consultation.

Fun-filled summer calendar of events planned for Landguard Peninsula

A summer season full of fun events and activities awaits visitors to Landguard Peninsula, in Felixstowe.

Felixstowe Museum, celebrating its 40th anniversary in August, will be staging 'The Race for Space' quiz trail on opening days throughout the summer.

Children, adults and sci-fi aficionados can enlist to help save the planet from the alien 'Blob' by finding characters hidden around the museum, which welcomes back the Suffolk Vehicle Enthusiasts Club for a Classic Car Display on Sunday 14 August.

Nature Detectives are required for the Landguard Nature Reserve's two Wildlife Discovery Days on Wednesdays 10 and 24 August, when the Landguard Ranger will lead free drop-in activities, including the willow creatures trail and crafts, all taking place next to the Manor Terrace car park.

Fort Tropicana will feature a fun coconut people trail, displays and activities with a tropical beach theme at Landguard Fort from Friday 22 July, throughout the summer holidays.

On Wednesday 17 August, the Fort hosts open-air theatre, with a performance, suitable for all ages, of *The Wind in the Willows*.

Stephen Rampley, Landguard Marketing and Events Co-ordinator said: "This summer, we have a tropical trail, aliens, classic cars, wicked weasels and amazing willow creatures. Something to keep all ages and interests amused at Suffolk's most southerly point".

For full details on the attractions and events at the Landguard Peninsula, including opening days and times, visit discoverlandguard.org.uk.

Success at RTPI Awards

Phil Perkin attended the Eastern Region RTPI Awards at Hylands Park.

The LEEF Project consented to ABP won the Best Project category – he was accompanied by Tom Duit and Sophie Young of ABP – this will now go through the National Finals in November

Philip Ridley achieved a Highly Commended award as Head Planner

And last but by no means least the Chairs award for Planning Excellence was awarded to Lisa Chandler. Philip accepted the award and made a which as you can imagine was still quite raw and emotional for me and therefore the audience. I will arrange with her husband ,Darren, to present him the trophy