

Suffolk Business Board Meeting 8 – Agenda
31st July 2025, 1400–1615 – University of Suffolk

Business Board Members

Name	Role & Organisation
Mark Pendlington	Chair
Cllr Matthew Hicks	Leader, Suffolk County Council, and Vice-Chair
Paul Ager	Divisional Port Manager, ABP
Tom Ball	CFO, Ipswich Town FC
Kelly Boosey	Commercial Manager, Oxford Innovation
Peter Brady	CEO, Orbital Group
John Dugmore	CEO, Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Leanne Gittins	Managing Director, LME Recruitment
Marek Hornak	UoS Pro Vice-Chancellor - Commercial and Academic Partnerships
Oliver Paul	Director, Suffolk Food Hall
Lisa Perkins	Chair, Tech East
Cllr Richard Smith MVO	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Economic Development and Skills, Suffolk County Council
Cllr Caroline Topping	Leader, East Suffolk District Council

R = joining remotely via Teams

Apologies

Name	Role & Organisation
Alan Pease	Principal and Chief Executive Officer, Suffolk New College
Doug Field	Founder, Beacon Advantage
Hannah Bloom	Chief Executive, Suffolk Community Foundation
Cllr Neil MacDonald	Leader, Ipswich Borough Council
Andrew Cook	Executive Director Growth, Highways and Infrastructure, Suffolk County Council

Guests

Name	Role & Organisation
Matt Hullis	Head of Environment Strategy, Suffolk County Council
Molly Williams	Project Officer, Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Ben Edginton-Thomas	Innovation Lead – Clusters, Plexal
Francesca Castelo	Innovation Consultant – Clusters, Plexal
Tim Robinson	Chief Operating Officer, Tech East
Paul Putland	Innovation Consultant, Tech East

Officer team

Name	Role & Organisation
Ian Gallin	Chief Executive, West Suffolk Council

Julian Munson	Head of Enterprise and Innovation, Suffolk County Council
Lisa Roberts	Head of Strategy and Operations, Suffolk County Council
Rob Hancock	Assistant Director, Suffolk County Council
Sophie Ward	Executive Assistant and Project Support, Suffolk County Council
Tom Gooding	Senior Communications Officer, Suffolk County Council

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Item	Time	Topic	Lead	Paper / Verbal
1.	14:00	Agenda, apologies, conflicts of interest and last meeting minutes	Mark Pendlington	Verbal
2.	14.05 -14.15	Welcome from the University of Suffolk	Marek Hornak	Verbal
3.	14:15 – 15:05	Cluster Feasibility Study Interim Report	Plexal, Lisa Perkins, Tim Robinson	Paper
4.	15:05 – 15:20	Review of opportunities from Modern Industrial Strategy	Lisa Roberts	Paper
5.	15:20 – 15:45	Integrated Water Action Plan	Matt Hullis	Paper
6.	15:45 – 16:00	Suffolk Coordination Office	Molly Williams	Paper
7.	16:00 - 16:15	AOB and Forward Plan	Mark Pendlington	Verbal

Additional documents included

Document
Additional Document A - Business Board Chairs Update July 25
Additional Document B - Follow Up to Minister Norris Meeting July 2025
Additional Document C - Suffolk Business Board Minutes 5 June 2025

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