



Suffolk Business Board Meeting 10 – Agenda

10th December 2025, 1300–1500 – Suffolk New College, Ipswich

Business Board Members

Name	Role & Organisation
Mark Pendlington	Chair
Cllr Matthew Hicks	Leader, Suffolk County Council, and Business Board Vice-Chair
Paul Ager	Divisional Port Manager, ABP
Tom Ball	CFO, Ipswich Town FC
Hannah Bloom	Chief Executive, Suffolk Community Foundation
Kelly Boosey	Commercial Manager, Oxford Innovation
Peter Brady	CEO, Orbital Group
John Dugmore	CEO, Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Doug Field	Founder, Beacon Advantage
Leanne Gittins	Managing Director, LME Recruitment
Marek Hornak	UoS Pro Vice-Chancellor - Commercial and Academic Partnerships
Cllr Neil MacDonald	Leader, Ipswich Borough Council
Oliver Paul	Director, Suffolk Food Hall
Alan Pease	Principal and Chief Executive Officer, Suffolk New College
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

Apologies

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Paul Ager	Divisional Port Manager, ABP
Peter Brady	CEO, Orbital Group
John Dugmore	CEO, Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Andrew Cook	Executive Director Growth, Highways and Infrastructure, Suffolk County Council

Guests

Name	Role & Organisation
Paul Putland	Innovation Consultant, Tech East
Tim Robinson	Chief Operating Officer, Tech East
Francesca Castelo	Innovation Consultant – Clusters, Plexal
Ben Edginton-Thomas	Innovation Lead, Plexal

Officer team

Name	Role & Organisation
Andrew Cook	Executive Director Growth, Highways and Infrastructure, Suffolk County Council
Ian Gallin	Chief Executive, West Suffolk Council
Julian Munson	Head of Enterprise and Innovation, Suffolk County Council
Michael Gray	Head of Skills, Suffolk County Council
Rob Hancock	Assistant Director, Suffolk County Council
Eunice Edwards	Senior Programme Manager, Suffolk County Council
Cleo Chalk	Communications and Engagement Executive, Suffolk County Council

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Item	Time	Topic	Lead	Paper / Verbal
1.	13:00	Agenda, apologies, conflicts of interest and last meeting minutes	Mark Pendlington	Verbal
2.	13:05	Welcome to Suffolk New College - Current Outlook for FE	Alan Pease	Verbal
3.	13:15	Talent Development - Current Skills Activity - Key Challenges and Opportunities - Investment Proposals - Further role for SBB	Michael Gray, Marek Hornak and Leanne Gittens	Presentation & Paper
4.	14:15	Cluster Growth Plans	Lisa Perkins	Presentation & Paper
5.	14.50	AOB and Forward Plan	Mark Pendlington	Verbal
6.	15.00 onwards	Tour of SNC Facilities (optional)	Alan Pease	n/a

Additional documents included

Document
A. Investment and intervention written update
B. Follow-up paper on Business Board future configuration options for Norfolk and Suffolk

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