



Suffolk Business Board

RECRUITMENT PACK 2026



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Our vision is to secure Suffolk at the forefront of the UK's growth ambitions, becoming an epicentre of clean technology convergence, innovation and high quality jobs.



Our economy

Suffolk
Economy
contributes
£23bn to
UKPLC
(2023)



PRODUCTIVITY

£33.03 per hour Suffolk and England
£38.91 per hour

HOME TO
31,025
BUSINESSES
(2024)



GATEWAY TO
37%
OF UK'S TOTAL
CONTAINERISED TRADE
through Felixstowe (2023)

90%
GROWTH
IN BUSINESS
INCORPORATIONS
over the last 5 years
(2019-2024, UK 39%)



96%
EMPLOYMENT
RATE
compared to 96%
England average
(2024)

Our ambitions

£14BN
ADD TO THE ECONOMY
OUTPACING THE
ENGLAND AVERAGE
GROWTH RATE.



BE A
**LONG-
TERM**
NET CONTRIBUTOR
TO UK PLC



HAVE
40,000
MORE PEOPLE
IN HIGHER
QUALIFIED
ROLES



EXPAND OUR
TALENT POOL
BY GROWING OUR
ECONOMICALLY
ACTIVE POPULATION
BY
35,000



HAVE A
**NET ZERO
ECONOMY**

CONTINUE TO BE A PLACE WHERE
BUSINESS THAT START HERE,
THRIVE HERE



45,000

MORE PEOPLE
QUALIFIED TO
LEVEL 3+



SIGNIFICANTLY
BOOSTED
AVERAGE
WAGES
FOR ALL,
SUPPORTING
BETTER LIVING
STANDARDS



INCREASED
AFFORDABLE,
SUSTAINABLE
HOUSING
AND LOCAL
INFRASTRUCTURE



About the board

Established in May 2024, the Suffolk Business Board succeeded the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership and leads the Local Growth Plan.

Bringing together leaders from key sectors – including agri-food, technology, ports and logistics and the visitor economy – the Board aims to drive economic growth and innovation across the region and oversees key programmes and investments.

You can read more about our plans in the Local Growth Plan.



The opportunity

We are seeking two experienced and influential local business leaders to join the Board. Members will represent the local business community and help steer the local economic strategy.

Applications are welcomed from candidates with backgrounds in the key sectors as identified in the Local Growth Plan, including Agrifood, Clean Energy, Visitor Economy and Advanced Manufacturing.

How to apply

Please email expressions of interest and a short biography/CV to businessboard@suffolk.gov.uk by Monday 23 February, briefly outlining why you are interested in this opportunity and what area(s) of expertise you feel you could bring.

About the role

This is a voluntary position, and terms are for up to three years from date of appointment. Board members will be supported by a dedicated team of council officers.