

Suffolk Business Board Meeting 12 – Agenda

26th March 2026, 1400–1600 – DigiTech Centre, Adastral Park, Martlesham

Business Board Members

Name	Role & Organisation
Mark Pendlington	Chair
Cllr Matthew Hicks	Leader, Suffolk County Council, and Business Board Vice-Chair
Tom Ball	CFO, Ipswich Town FC
Hannah Bloom	Chief Executive, Suffolk Community Foundation
Kelly Boosey	Head of Commercial UK & Europe, SKC Games Studio
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

Name	Role & Organisation
Paul Ager	Divisional Port Manager, ABP

Officer team

Name	Role & Organisation
Andrew Cook	Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director Growth, Highways and Infrastructure, Suffolk County Council
Ian Gallin	Chief Executive, West Suffolk Council

Name	Role & Organisation
Julian Munson	Head of Enterprise and Innovation, Suffolk County Council
Lisa Roberts	Head of Strategy and Operations, Suffolk County Council
Michael Gray	Head of Skills, Suffolk County Council
Rob Hancock	Assistant Director, Suffolk County Council
Sophie Ward	Executive Assistant and Project Support, Suffolk County Council
Cleo Chalk	Communications and Engagement Executive, 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.	14.10	Welcome to the Centre	Marek Hornak	Verbal
3.	14:15	VCSE Sector briefing	Hannah Bloom	Paper
4.	15:00	Norfolk & Suffolk joint Growth Manifesto	Lisa Roberts	Paper
5.	15.30	26/27 Forward Plan and AOB	Mark Pendlington / Rob Hancock	Paper
6.	16:00	Tour of Quantum Optics Discovery (QOD) Lab (Optional)	Darryl Newport	n/a

Additional documents included

Document
A. Business Support Impact Report
B. Board Engagement Plan
C. Comms Update

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