

**Suffolk Business Board Meeting 4 – Agenda**  
**28<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 1400 – 1600 – Port of Felixstowe**

**Business Board Members**

| <b>Name</b>            | <b>Role &amp; Organisation</b>  |
|------------------------|---|
| Mark Pendlington       | Chair   |
| Doug Field             | CEO, East of England Co-op  |
| Oliver Paul            | Director, Suffolk Food Hall   |
| Lisa Perkins           | Chair, Tech East  |
| Kelly Boosey           | Commercial Manager, Oxford Innovation   |
| Leanne Gittins         | Managing Director, LME Recruitment  |
| Tom Ball               | CFO, Ipswich Town FC  |
| Nikos Savvas           | CEO, Eastern Education Group  |
| Cllr Matthew Hicks     | Leader, Suffolk County Council  |
| Cllr Richard Smith MVO | Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Economic Development and Skills, Suffolk County Council |
| Cllr Andrew Mellen     | Leader, Mid Suffolk District Council  |
| Cllr Neil MacDonald    | Leader, Ipswich Borough Council   |
| John Dugmore (R)       | CEO, Suffolk Chamber of Commerce  |
| Hannah Bloom           | Director of Philanthropy and Engagement, Suffolk Community Foundation                                 |
| Marek Hornak           | UoS Vice-Chancellor Commercial and Academic Partnerships  |
| Peter Brady            | CEO, Orbital Group  |
| Paul Ager              | Divisional Port Manager, ABP  |

**Apologies**

| <b>Name</b>  | <b>Role &amp; Organisation</b>         |
|--------------|--|
| Michael Gray | Head of Skills, Suffolk County Council |

**Guests**

| <b>Name</b>  | <b>Role &amp; Organisation</b>   |
|--------------|--|
| Stephen Beel | Chief Executive, Freeport East   |
| Paul Simon   | Head of Public Affairs & Strategic Communications, Suffolk Chamber of Commerce |

**Officer team**

| <b>Name</b>  | <b>Role &amp; Organisation</b>                    |
|--------------|---|
| Rob Hancock  | Assistant Director, Suffolk County Council        |
| Lisa Roberts | Head of Economic Strategy, Suffolk County Council |

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| Ian Gallin (R)  | Chief Executive, West Suffolk Council  |
| Andrew Cook (R) | Executive Director Growth, Highways and Infrastructure, Suffolk County Council |
| Julian Munson   | Head of Innovation & Sectors, Suffolk County Council                           |
| Jai Raithatha   | Head of Economic Development, Suffolk County Council                           |
| Julie West      | Programmes Coordinator, Suffolk County Council                                 |
| Tom Gooding     | Senior Communications Officer, Suffolk County Council                          |

Prior to the formal meeting there is an opportunity to attend a tour of the Port. The optional tour will begin at 13:00 and there is space for up to 13 people. Please confirm if you would like to attend this via the separate invite.

#### **Agenda**

1. 14.00 - Agenda, apologies and minutes – Mark Pendlington
2. 14:05 – 14:35 Guest Presentation – Stephen Beel, Chief Executive Freeport East
3. 14.35 - 14.55 - Economic Strategy Update – Lisa Roberts
4. 14.55 - 15:15 Autumn statement and Suffolk Convention Update – John Dugmore & Paul Simon (Suffolk Chamber of Commerce)
5. 15.15 - 15.30 Business Board Deep Dives updates (written updates, verbal update by exception)
  - a. Ports and Logistics – Paul Ager
  - b. Infrastructure – John Dugmore
  - c. Finance and Investment – Doug Field
  - d. Agri Food – Oliver Paul
  - e. Ipswich – Cllr Neil MacDonald
  - f. Energy – Julian Munson
  - g. Tech Convergence – Peter Brady
6. 15.30 - 15.55 Marketing and Comms – Kelly Boosey & Rob Hancock
7. 15.55 - AOB and Forward Plan