

Suffolk Business Board Meeting 6 – Agenda

20th March 2025 - 1400 – 1600 – Claas UK, Bury St Edmunds

Business Board Members

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

Apologies

Name	Role & Organisation
Doug Field	Former CEO, East of England Co-op
Paul Ager	Divisional Port Manager, ABP
Tom Ball	CFO, Ipswich Town FC

Guests

Name	Role & Organisation
Darren Horsman	Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer, Police and Crime Suffolk
Martin Collison	Chair of Norfolk & Suffolk Agri Food Industry Council
Nikki Mitcham	Head of Business Administration & Company Secretary CLAAS UK

Officer team

Name	Role & Organisation
Andrew Cook	Executive Director Growth, Highways and Infrastructure, Suffolk County Council
Hannah Brown (R)	Executive Assistant and Project Support, Suffolk County Council

Ian Gallin	Chief Executive, West Suffolk Council
Jai Raithatha	Head of Economic Development, Suffolk County Council
Julian Munson	Head of Innovation & Sectors, Suffolk County Council
Julie West	Programmes Coordinator, Suffolk County Council
Lisa Roberts	Head of Economic Strategy, Suffolk County Council
Michael Gray	Head of Skills, Suffolk County Council
Rob Hancock	Assistant Director, Suffolk County Council
Tom Gooding	Senior Communications Officer, Suffolk County Council

Agenda

1. 14.00 - Agenda, apologies and minutes – Mark Pendlington
2. 14:05 Feedback from Joint Board Meeting with Norfolk, 26th February
3. 14.15 - 14:30 Comms and Marketing Plan, Kelly Boosey & Lisa Roberts
4. 14.30 - 14.40 Finance and investment update, Rob Hancock
5. 14.40 - 15.00 Update on Economic Strategy Interventions for 25/26 - Richard Smith
6. 15:00 – 15:30 Guest presentation, Martin Collison, Chair of Norfolk & Suffolk Agri Food Industry Council
7. 15.30 - 15.50 Agri-Food opportunity discussion - Oliver Paul and Martin Collison
8. 15.50 - 16:00 - AOB and Forward Plan – Mark Pendlington

Pre meeting optional tour of Claas site and academy, 13.00

Please note that the use of AI for assistance with the note taking is planned for this meeting and therefore the transcript will be recorded. If you have any concerns regarding the use of AI for this meeting, please speak to the meeting organiser.