



Town Councils' Conference

Thursday 27 February 2025 – 09:00 to 15:00

Champion Suite, High Lodge, Haw Wood, Hinton, Saxmundham, IP17 3QT

Programme

09:00	Registration, refreshments and an opportunity to network
09:30	Introduction to the day <i>Cllr Caroline Topping, Leader of East Suffolk Council?</i>
09:40	Keynote address: The Future of Town Councils <i>Jonathan Owen, Chief Executive of the National Association of Local Councils</i>
10:10	Devolution and local government reorganisation <i>Chris Bally, Chief Executive of East Suffolk Council</i>
10:40	Introduction to the workshops <i>Chris Bally, Chief Executive of East Suffolk Council</i>
	Time to disperse into one of the three breakout sessions
10:50	Breakout sessions available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to approach a peer challenge <i>Rachel Litherland, Principal Advisor, Local Government Association and James Mehmed, Senior Regional Adviser, Local Government Association</i> • Planning, the National Planning Policy Framework and Neighbourhood Planning <i>Ben Woolnough, Head of Planning, Building Control and Coastal Management, East Suffolk Council</i> <i>Andrea McMillan, Planning Manager - Policy, Delivery and Specialist Services, East Suffolk Council</i> • Getting the governance right [title to be confirmed] <i>Sally Longmate, Chief Executive, Suffolk Association of Local Councils</i> <i>Chris Bing, Head of Legal and Democratic Services (and Monitoring Officer), East Suffolk Council</i>
11:40	Refreshments
12:00	Rotation of breakout sessions as above

12:45	Lunch
13:45	Final rotation of breakout sessions above
14:30	Regroup
14:40	Closing remarks <i>Cllr Sarah Whitelock, Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture, Leisure and Tourism?</i>
15:00	Close

