

## **Public Notice to change governance arrangements under the Localism Act 2011**

On the 22<sup>th</sup> December 2016, Mid Suffolk District Council, by a majority council resolution, decided to change to a Leader-Cabinet form of governance, effective from the Annual Council Meeting in May 2017.

The main features of the change will be to move from a Committee system to operate as a Leader-Cabinet model which is a system involving some decision-making powers being vested in up to a maximum of ten Councillors who form a Cabinet.

All decisions of the Cabinet are subject to usual local government requirements of being published five clear days before any decision is made. The model will also require notification of any forthcoming Cabinet key decisions to be published at least twenty-eight days before a decision can be made, in a 'forward plan'.

The Council will continue to operate a Scrutiny Committee. When any Cabinet decision has been made, other Councillors can, within a certain period, call that decision in for further discussion by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee before the decision can be implemented which is intended to provide a check and balance to the Cabinet decision-making process.

All the existing regulatory Committees (such as Planning, Licensing and Audit) will still continue to operate as they do now.

The purpose of the change is to ensure we have even greater levels of openness, transparency and collaboration by having increased accountability to our residents and a much stronger Scrutiny Committee. It will also mean we will have a more efficient and agile decision making process, making it easier for both Councillors and officers to deliver the best outcomes for the people of Mid Suffolk

Requests for further details of the change can be obtained in writing from the Chief Executive's office at Mid Suffolk District Council, 131 High Street, Needham Market, Ipswich, IP6 8DL