



## IPSWICH TOWN DEAL

### Nominated Board Member Substitutes

At the Board meeting on 27th November 2020 it was agreed that:

*That the nominated substitutes (see table below) can only attend Board meetings and vote (in the event that the substantive Board member is absent) when they have completed the same governance requirements that Board members have already undertaken (i.e. provided a short profile, completed the declarations of interest form, and committed to the Nolan standards).*

The table below will be kept up-to-date as more substitutes are named (*note: there have been multiple changes to the last version of this paper – published on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021. This is the departure of Angela Stroud, Catherine Johnson, C-J Green, Dr Daniel Poulter, Prof Dave Muller, David Ellesmere, Dr Dean Dorsett, Prof Helen Langton, Sarah Holmes, Terry Baxter and Tom Hunt.*

*New members have joined the Board, including David Ralph, John Dugmore, Andrew Cook, Alan Pease, Cllr Neil MacDonald, Jenny Higham, Lee Walker, Jack Abbott MP and Patrick Spencer MP.*

*Nominated substitutes have also been altered, with Andrew Cook, Toby Warren, Paul West, Mary Gleave, Cllr Bryony Rudkin, Rosanne Wijnberg, Grace Hill and Mel Willis.)*

The submitted profiles and register of interest that have been received are set out on the following pages – and will be updated as more are received.

The update will only be added to this paper in the event that the substitute has also confirmed that they will comply with the Nolan standards when involved in Town Deal activities.

| Board Member        | Nominated Substitute |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| David Ralph         | Jenny Higham         |
| James Davey         | No substitute        |
| Becca Jackman       | Grace Hill           |
| Cllr Paul West      | Andrew Cook          |
| John Dugmore        | Toby Warren          |
| Andrew Cook         | Cllr Paul West       |
| Alan Pease          | Mary Gleave          |
| Cllr Neil MacDonald | Cllr Bryony Rudkin   |
| Jenny Higham        | Rosanne Wijnberg     |
| Lee Walker          | Mel Willis           |
| Jack Abbott MP      | Farah Hussain        |
| Patrick Spencer MP  | Sharon Earp          |

Notes:

1. The nominated substitutes (right column) are the names put forward by the Board Member (left column); and
2. The blank spaces in the table means that – so far – there isn't a nominated substitute.

### **Submitted Deals**

Details of twelfth of the substitutes are provided below. Eight sets of details (Andrew Cook, Toby Warren, Mary Gleave, Cllr Bryony Rudkin, Rosanne Wijnberg, Sharon Earp, Grace Hill and Mel Willis) are new to this version of the 'Substitute Paper'.

**Board Member: David Ralph**

**Appointed Substitute: Jenny Higham**

### **Personal Profile**

Professor Higham is Vice-Chancellor at the University of Suffolk, having previously been Vice-Chancellor at St George's, University of London which she joined in late 2015 as the first female leader in its 290-year history.

Professor Higham has a specialist medical background. She has previously chaired the Medical Schools Council and served as Vice-Dean for Institutional Affairs and Director of Education for the Faculty of Medicine at Imperial College London. Whilst at Imperial, she worked closely with Nanyang Technological University to create a new joint medical school in Singapore.

In addition to her Vice-Chancellor role, Professor Higham has national responsibilities in the university sector, sitting on the boards of both the Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA) and Universities UK (UUK). She is the UUK's Funding and Regulation Policy Lead and also a Council member for the All-Party Parliamentary University Group.

### **Declaration of Interest**

Involvement in employment, office, trade, profession, or vocation carried out for income, profit, or gain:

University of Suffolk, Board.

Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA).

Universities UK.

Properties owned and those with financial interest within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Not applicable.

Bodies of which Jenny is a member, volunteer, or in a position of general control or management within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Not applicable.

**Board Member: Becca Jackman**

**Appointed Substitute: Grace Hill**

### **Personal Profile**

Grace can bring a wealth of experiences of living in Ipswich as a disabled person to hopefully make the town as accessible and inclusive as possible. Her primary interests are disability advocacy and mental health, and through her current role in the latter, she has learnt about Ipswich's progress in involving young people in plans for the town going forward. For example, the work of the Ipswich

Social Mobility Alliance has helped Ipswich to become the first town for Youth Social Action. Progress like this is great to see, so Grace hopes that through her role as a substitute member of this Board, she can help amplify the voices of people from a wide range of backgrounds who might not otherwise feel able to speak up.

### **Declaration of Interest**

Involvement in employment, office, trade, profession, or vocation carried out for income, profit, or gain:

Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (NSFT) – Employee in young people’s mental health.

Properties owned and those with financial interest within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Not applicable.

Bodies of which Grace is a member, volunteer, or in a position of general control or management within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Progression Sessions, an Independent Group.  
Ipswich Town Centre Access Forum.  
Suffolk Sight, Volunteer.  
Equal Lives, Member.  
Cohere Arts, Volunteer Board Member.  
Suffolk Building Society, Member.

**Board Member: Cllr. Paul West**

**Appointed Substitute: Andrew Cook**

### **Personal Profile**

Andrew joined Suffolk County Council as their Executive Director of Growth, Highways, and Infrastructure in 2022 and is responsible for Highways, Transport, Waste, Planning, Economy and Housing as well as being the authority’s lead on Climate Change and the Environment. Before joining Suffolk County Council, Andrew held a range of Place based director and executive director roles with more than 25 years of local authority experience.

### **Declaration of Interest**

Involvement in employment, office, trade, profession, or vocation carried out for income, profit, or gain:

Suffolk County Council – Executive Director of Growth, Highways, and Infrastructure.  
Freeport East – Company Director on behalf of Suffolk County Council.

Properties owned and those with financial interest within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Not applicable.

Bodies of which Andrew is a member, volunteer, or in a position of general control or management within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Not applicable.

**Board Member: John Dugmore**  
**Appointed Substitute: Toby Warren**

**Personal Profile**

Toby Warren is the Senior Policy Officer at Suffolk Chamber of Commerce. He researches and analyses policy that affects Suffolk's business community. To make sure that the voice of business is heard and understood, he is responsible for developing and influencing external relationships with decision-makers, members, partners, and stakeholders across a wide range of sectors.

His background, working in local government and for the National Farmers Union, gives him the knowledge and experience needed to understand and communicate the implications of new and existing policies.

**Declaration of Interest**

Involvement in employment, office, trade, profession, or vocation carried out for income, profit, or gain:

Employee at the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce.

Properties owned and those with financial interest within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Not applicable.

Bodies of which Toby is a member, volunteer, or in a position of general control or management within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Not applicable.

**Board Member: Andrew Cook**  
**Appointed Substitute: Cllr Paul West**

**Personal Profile**

Paul is a County Councillor for Bixley Division in Ipswich and Cabinet Member for Ipswich, Operational Highways and Flooding. He has served as a Councillor for the last eight years and lives and works in the town. Paul has been a member of the Town Deal Board since its formation.

Involvement in employment, office, trade, profession, or vocation carried out for income, profit, or gain:

Not applicable.

Properties owned and those with financial interest within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Not applicable.

Bodies of which Cllr Paul is a member, volunteer, or in a position of general control or management within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Not applicable.

**Board Member: Alan Pease**

**Appointed Substitute: Mary Gleave**

**Personal Profile**

Mary Gleave was appointed, as a Senior Postholder for Suffolk New College, in January 2007. She had previously worked for two local authorities for 4.5 years and for an international professional services accountancy firm for 6 years. She is currently Deputy CEO and a member of the Executive Team at Suffolk New College. As Deputy CEO, she has responsibility for Finance, HR, IT, Facilities & Estates including health and safety, Student Services including safeguarding, Business Development and Major Projects, Marketing, and Funding.

**Declaration of Interest**

Involvement in employment, office, trade, profession, or vocation carried out for income, profit, or gain:

Deputy CEO, Suffolk New College.

Employee at the University of Suffolk's Waterfront Project.

Properties owned and those with financial interest within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Not applicable.

Bodies of which Mary is a member, volunteer, or in a position of general control or management within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Not applicable.

**Board Member: Cllr Neil MacDonald**

**Appointed Substitute: Cllr Bryony Rudkin**

**Personal Profile**

A member of Ipswich Borough Council since 2008 and of Suffolk County Council from 1997-2015, Bryony has held several positions in both authorities and is currently Deputy Leader of IBC. She spent 6 years on the Board of the East of England Development Agency. A senior member of the Local Government Labour Group, she works on delivering peer reviews to Councils around the UK and on improvement support for both Councilors and Officers.

She is a member of the UK delegation to the Congress of the Council of Europe where she sits on the Monitoring Committee and has worked on a number of reviews of local governance in Eastern Europe. She is currently working on a PhD at the Institute of Local Government at the University of Birmingham.

**Declaration of Interest**

Involvement in employment, office, trade, profession, or vocation carried out for income, profit, or gain:

Regional Improvement Peer.

Local Government Association Shared Service Architecture.

Associate Trainer.

Properties owned and those with financial interest within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Owns or part owns one property within the Ipswich Borough Council area.

Bodies of which Cllr Bryony is a member, volunteer, or in a position of general control or management within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Ipswich Borough Council.  
Member of Dance East Board.  
Observer Ipswich Labour Party, Chair.

**Board Member: Jenny Higham**

**Appointed Substitute: Rosanne Wijnberg**

**Personal Profile**

Rosanne is the Chief Operating Officer. Prior to joining the University, Rosanne was CEO at New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership. Before that, she worked at BT, and was responsible for managing a BT outsource contract in Suffolk.

Involvement in employment, office, trade, profession, or vocation carried out for income, profit, or gain:

Employee at the University of Suffolk.

Properties owned and those with financial interest within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Owens or part owns one property within the Ipswich Borough Council area.

Bodies of which Rosanne is a member, volunteer, or in a position of general control or management within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Member of the Penrose Learning Trust.

**Board Member: Lee Walker**

**Appointed Substitute: Melanie Willis**

**Personal Profile**

Melanie Willis is the Communications Manager for Ipswich Central and the All About Ipswich consumer brand with strengths in customer service, internal and external public relations and communications planning. Mel works with Ipswich businesses to champion Ipswich as a great destination to visit and enjoy, with a focus on events and things that draw people into the Town Centre.

**Declaration of Interest**

Involvement in employment, office, trade, profession, or vocation carried out for income, profit, or gain:

Director or Officer at Ipswich Central.  
Employee at Locus Management Solutions.

Properties owned and those with financial interest within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Not applicable.

Bodies of which Melanie is a member, volunteer, or in a position of general control or management within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Not applicable.

**Board Member: Patrick Spencer MP**  
**Appointed Substitute: Sharon Earp**

**Personal Profile**

Sharon is employed within Patrick Spencer MP's senior team. She has held a career in the public and private sector in senior management roles, primarily focused on change, project management programs and customer service strategy.

**Declaration of Interest**

Involvement in employment, office, trade, profession, or vocation carried out for income, profit, or gain:

Not applicable.

Properties owned and those with financial interest within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Not applicable.

Bodies of which Sharon is a member, volunteer, or in a position of general control or management within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Trustee, Dunwich Town Trust.

PCC Secretary, St Peter's Church, Yoxmere Benefice, Diocese of St Edmundsbury, and Ipswich.

**Board Member: Jack Abbott**

**Appointed Substitute: Farah Hussain**

**Personal Profile**

Farrah is Jack Abbott MP's Chief of Staff. Before this role, she was Director of UK Feminista and has previously worked for other MPs in Parliament. Farah is co-opted governor at Valentines High School, Ilford, and has in the past sat on a number of charity boards. Farah used to be a local Councillor in the London Borough of Redbridge.

**Declaration of Interest**

Involvement in employment, office, trade, profession, or vocation carried out for income, profit, or gain:

Chief of Staff, Jack Abbott MP.

Properties owned and those with financial interest within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Not applicable.

Bodies of which Farah is a member, volunteer, or in a position of general control or management within the Ipswich Borough Council area:

Former Director of UK Feminista.