

3 May 2024

Dear Colleague

### **Sizewell C Community Fund Update**

I am writing to update you on the progress which we are making regarding the launch of the £23m Sizewell C Community Fund.

As you already know, Suffolk Community Foundation will be managing this considerable pot of money over the next 10 years. It will be directed into projects across East Suffolk, and grants will be considered for schemes, measures, and projects that promote the economic, social, or environmental wellbeing of communities most impacted by the construction of Sizewell C, and which enhance quality of life in the area.

I am delighted to announce that we have now finalised the membership of our awards panel. The panel will be chaired by Helen Taylor, who is a trustee with Suffolk Community Foundation and has extensive experience in the charity, community development, governance and health sectors. It will also include:

- Cllr Philip Faircloth-Mutton, Cabinet Member for Equality and Communities with Suffolk County Council
- Andrew Cuthbertson, Head of Community Infrastructure with Suffolk County Council
- Cllr Sarah Whitelock, Cabinet Member for Communities, Leisure and Tourism with East Suffolk Council
- Nicole Rickard, Head of Communities and Leisure with East Suffolk Council
- Marjorie Barnes, Head of Regional External Affairs and Development with Sizewell C
- Ceri Bryant, Occupational Health and Wellbeing Manager with Sizewell C
- Rebecca Calder, Community Environment Manager with Sizewell C

Following a successful recruitment process, we have also appointed four independent members to the panel. They will use their experience and knowledge to help us ensure the grants reach the right places and will make the biggest difference to the community. They are:

- Dr Karen Blades, a local GP and senior partner at Leiston Surgery who has lived in the area for many years with experience across East Suffolk
- Sarah Driver, who has lived in Leiston all her life and plays an active role in the community
- Hannah Reid, Chief Executive with Community Action Suffolk
- Professor Emma Bond, who is Pro-Vice Chancellor Research at the University of Suffolk

The panel will be supported by Karen Moy who leads our grant making team, Sarah Mortimer, recently appointed as our dedicated Sizewell C Community Fund Project Manager and myself.

The next steps will see the panel finalise the grants criteria and put an equitable and accessible application process in place to make it as easy as possible for groups to bid for money. We will then publicise the criteria and application process on our website – at [www.suffolkcf.org.uk/the-sizewell-c-community-fund/](http://www.suffolkcf.org.uk/the-sizewell-c-community-fund/) – and begin inviting bids for funding. We hope to start awarding money in the late summer and autumn.

We will keep you informed as this project progresses and look forward to starting to publicise the first grant awards later this year. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to email [szccommunityfund@suffolkcf.org.uk](mailto:szccommunityfund@suffolkcf.org.uk) if you have any questions.

With all best wishes



Melanie Craig  
**Chief Executive**

**Patrons**

The Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk  
The Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich  
The High Sheriff of Suffolk  
Chief Constable, Suffolk Constabulary

