

JOHN CHARLES FULLER OBE (S78-86)

He was born in Great Yarmouth in 1968 and attended Brandeston and the College from 1978 to 1986. On leaving the College he went to Reading University and gained a first-class degree in Agriculture [1990] and later in 1995 a Nuffield Scholarship to study advanced farming techniques in the United States.

From 1998-2011, he was a Director of family firm of J & H Bunn in Great Yarmouth established as fertiliser manufacturers and agricultural merchants for over 190 years. Following sale of that business to new owners in March 2011, he has since been responsible for managing the sellers' remaining business interests, which include Directorships in diverse property and farming enterprises.



He was first elected to South Norfolk Council in 2003 and led local Conservatives to take control of The Council in 2007.

A wide ranging business career in manufacturing and agriculture has helped me to bring a commercial edge to the business of running a Council transforming it to run on business-like lines whilst freezing Council Tax in eight of the last twelve years, whilst achieving first place nationally in a number of areas that maximise quality of life.

We are leading in areas of Localism, Housing & Planning, Revenues & Benefits, Street Cleanliness & Recycling and South Norfolk contributes actively to the national District Councils' Network. The BBC ranks South Norfolk as one of the top-ten places to start a business and our Council has consistently received a top-ten new homes

bonus of any district council in the country for housing delivery. We have consistently delivered in excess of 1% of all affordable homes built in this country. In 2017 the LGC magazine ranked South Norfolk as one of the top-six Councils nationwide.



I have been a member of the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership for five years and have chaired the Greater Norwich Development Partnership. I have previously Chaired of the Food, Drink & Agriculture Sector Group for Norfolk & Suffolk that aims to maximise the contribution of food & farming to the East Anglian economy.

At the Local Government Association I am the Chairman of the District Councils' Network and I am the Deputy Leader of the Conservative Party in Local Government. Separately I am a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme [LGPS] Advisory Board.

He has lived in Brooke near Norwich with wife Philippa and two daughters Susan and Laura since 1997 and was appointed an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2019.