

Good evening and a very Happy New Year. TJ sends her apologies as she is at a Shadow Cabinet Meeting this evening at ESH.

Suffolk Coastal Cabinet –Wednesday, 2 January 2019:

Suffolk Coastal Final Draft Local Plan – The Suffolk Coastal Final Draft Local Plan is a comprehensive Local Plan for the District for the period 2018 to 2036. It includes a vision, spatial strategy, district wide policies and area specific strategies including site allocations. The review of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan has been overseen by the Cabinet appointed Local Plan Working Group, chaired by the Cabinet Member for Planning. Following two rounds of consultation and engagement the Local Plan has now reached the Final Draft stage. The Scrutiny Committee considered and endorsed the process and ‘proposals’ on 27 November 2018 and agreed to recommend to Cabinet that the Final Draft Local Plan progress to Full Council for approval. The Final Draft Local Plan was agreed, with amendments at Full Council last week, now it will be submitted for examination by the independent Examination by the Planning Inspectorate. It is anticipated that the Plan will be adopted by the end of 2019. This is obviously a key strategic document for this council and will govern the development of the area for nearly two decades. It not only identifies areas considered to be suitable for development, it will also provide us with a stronger case to refuse inappropriate speculative planning applications, allowing us to safeguard our unique local environment.

Acceptance of Funding Award – The Council has been awarded funding to support a rural project, working with the Rural Coffee Caravan to deliver energy advice and solutions. The funding was announced at the end of November 2018 and had to be accepted by 14th December 2018. Consequently the Strategic Director, in consultation with the Cabinet member and Section 151 Officer, has signed the agreement and this report is to regularise that situation. No funding has been claimed at this point and authorisation is sought for the claiming of the £78,150 award to redistribute it to the Rural Coffee Caravan.

Proposed Parking Petitions Procedures – The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has produced statutory guidance to local authorities under section 18 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 requiring them to set policies for petitions challenging parking policies. 2 The statutory guidance recognises that local authorities should have policies for petitioning about council run services but requires specific and additional policies and procedures to be published with respect to parking policies. The current Suffolk Coastal and Waveney petitions procedure does not make specific reference to petitions about parking policies and they needed to be amended and provisions incorporated into the new East Suffolk petitions procedures to comply with the statutory instrument. This report makes recommendations on the provisions and procedures for adoption to ensure compliance with the statutory instrument.

Proposed New East Suffolk Off-Street Parking Places Order – In anticipation of the adoption of civil parking enforcement (CPE) and the creation of the new East Suffolk Council, it is desirable to produce a single new off-street parking places Order and associated single tariff structure. The Member Working Group at its October 2018 meeting endorsed the creation of a single new East Suffolk Car Park

Order and tariff structure. The proposed new tariff structure was approved by Cabinet in November 2018. This report sets out the proposed new East Suffolk off-street 'parent' order and seeks approval to formally advertise and carry out the Statutory Consultation process required by the provisions of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders Regulations.

Proposed New Felixstowe Prom Traffic Regulation Order –The maintenance and day-to-day operation of Felixstowe Promenade is largely split between the County and District Councils. A recent risk assessment has highlighted the need for a traffic regulation order for this popular pedestrian promenade, to legitimise the current prohibition of access/driving restriction and to allow control and enforcement of any vehicles who venture onto the pedestrian area. The report set out the process that has been agreed between officers from the county and district to progress the traffic order and seeks Cabinet approval to proceed using the draft order provided in the papers

Extraordinary Meeting of Council Thursday, 3 January 2019: This extraordinary meeting of the Full Council was convened to allow all members to examine and discuss one key item, then Suffolk Coastal Final Draft Local Plan (see details above under the Cabinet agenda).

Other News:

Stage 3 Sizewell C Consultation - The third stage of EDF Energy's public consultation for Sizewell C nuclear power station began on Friday, 4 January 2019. Local residents, community groups, public representatives and businesses will have the opportunity to see the latest proposals for the new power station, which would be built to the north of Sizewell B. The plans include associated development needed to enable construction, such as park and ride sites and various options for road and rail improvements. The proposals have been informed by technical and environmental assessments and the feedback received from the two previous stages of consultation. Stage 3 Public Consultation will run for 12 weeks, ending on Friday 29 March 2019. People can submit their views at:
<http://sizewell.edfenergyconsultation.info/szcproposals/stage-3/> Public exhibitions – During the first two weeks of the consultation, EDF Energy will stage a series of exhibition, which will include a CGI model of the development, as well as information boards and literature about the proposals.

Monday 7 Jan 11am – 5pm Jubilee Hall, Church Road, Theberton
Tuesday 8 Jan 11am – 5pm Village Hall, Old High Road, Yoxford
Wednesday 9 Jan 2 – 8pm High Lodge, Hinton, Nr Darsham
Thursday 10 Jan 3 – 8pm Village Hall, The Street, Hacheston
Friday 11 Jan 2 – 8pm Village Hall, High Street, Wickham Market
Saturday 12 Jan 10am - 4pm Market Hall, High Street, Saxmundham
Tuesday 15 Jan 10am – 4pm Community Hall, Station Road, Woodbridge
Weds 16 Jan 11am – 5pm Village Hall, Mill Street, Middleton
Thurs 17 Jan 11am – 5pm Methodist Church Hall, East Green, Southwold
Friday 18 Jan 1 – 7pm Community Centre, Victoria Road, Aldeburgh
Sat 19 Jan 10am – 4pm Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew
Tues 22 Jan 11am – 5pm Trimley Sports and Social Club, High Road, Trimley St Martin.

Scottish Power Renewables Consultation - Suffolk Coastal District Council and Suffolk County Council have both responded with frustration after hearing that Scottish Power Renewables has announced its plans to site a substation at Grove Wood, Friston, as part of their offshore windfarms projects. Both authorities had previously jointly stated that selecting one of the two proposed substation sites at Grove Wood or Broom Covert, was like choosing the lesser of two evils. We feel local needs are still being ignored and maintain their position that more should be done to co-ordinate these projects to minimise the impact on the local communities. Both authorities will continue working together, to express concerns to Scottish Power Renewables directly and through the next round of public consultations. We have welcomed the ongoing interaction and consultation with Scottish Power Renewables during their pre-application process. However, we are concerned with their preference to site the onshore infrastructure at Grove Wood, Friston, as we consider this location to have significant adverse impacts on the landscape, heritage assets and the local community. We will continue discussions with SPR in advance of their next round of public consultation in seeking to maximise mitigation opportunities for this difficult site. We have a responsibility to safeguard our fragile, unique environment in Suffolk but we also do understand that there is a desire for new jobs and economic development as part of a vibrant local and national economy. The leaders of Suffolk Coastal, Waveney Districts and Suffolk County have written to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy asking that the Government takes a more strategic view in planning how we manage energy infrastructure in the future so that issues such as this are dealt with properly. Although we are still opposed to the Friston site, we don't have the authority to turn down the planning of these major infrastructure projects. So, we will do what we can to work with Scottish Power Renewables to find the maximum mitigation possible to ensure their project causes the least impact in the event that it is accepted by the Secretary of State in due course.

Funding boost for local communities: -

Local community groups have received a funding boost of just under £126,000 this year - thanks to Suffolk Coastal. The Enabling Communities Budget (ECB) was set up in December 2013 to support local projects and activities which benefit those living in the district. The funding programme was included in the East Suffolk Business Plan - a document which presents the key priorities for Suffolk Coastal in partnership with Waveney. So far this year, Suffolk Coastal's councillors have supported over 109 projects and community initiatives, with a total of £125,992.57 in funding. The budget has supported everything from new play areas, improvements to community buildings, charities that help the members of our communities, sports clubs and activities which cater to all ages.

Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf, Suffolk Coastal's Cabinet Member for Customers, Communities and Leisure said: "I am delighted that we have been able to support so many great organisations this year. One of the key priorities in our Business Plan is enabling communities to develop and deliver worthwhile schemes and projects to local people. This funding is an important contribution to that ambition. The scheme ensures that we are able to support the breadth of our district, including younger and older people, and get behind projects and activities that benefit our communities, protect our heritage and teaches crucial life skills."

This year each councillor have £6,500 to spend on new projects, enhancing existing projects or community groups in their ward. The 2018/19 budget ends in March 2019. To find out how your local councillor is spending their budget, visit their contact page.

Visit our [Enabling Communities Budget](#) page for more information.

Dog owners - clear up after your pets! A Witnesham resident who ignored two Fixed Penalty Notices for failing to clear up after his dog has been made to pay a total of £600 after Suffolk Coastal took him to court. The Council brought a prosecution against Mr Mason at Ipswich Magistrates' Court. When Mr Mason failed to attend, the court heard the matter in his absence and fined Mr Mason £150 for failing to clear up after his dog on two separate occasions, in Witnesham, Suffolk. He was also ordered to pay £450 costs. In April 2018, council officers were notified of two separate incidents where Mr Mason had failed to clear up after his dog had fouled on public land. Mr Mason received two fixed penalty notices but failed to pay. The council introduced Public Space Protection Orders in January 2018 to tackle dog fouling across the district. Failure to clear up after a dog in your control could result in a fixed penalty notice of £80 being issued. Failure to pay the fixed penalty notice may lead to prosecution and a potential maximum fine of £1000. Suffolk Coastal has a statutory duty to keep public land clear of litter and refuse, including dog fouling and will take action against irresponsible individuals who fail to clear up after their dogs within a restricted area. Not only is dog fouling highly unpleasant, it is also a hazard to health. So dog owners are being urged to clean up after their pets!

How will proposed changes to the local Citizens Advice (CAB) affect you?

Suffolk County Council is carrying out a consultation to understand the equality impacts there may be as a result of proposed changes to the local Citizens Advice (CAB) grant funding which the authority currently provides. At the Council's Scrutiny meeting on 22 November 2018, the committee considered details of proposed savings totalling £11.2m so the council can balance its budget. Amongst these savings was the proposal to remove the funding grant that the county council gives Suffolk's CAB. Committee members recommended changing the proposal to a phased reduction – a recommendation that was later agreed by Cabinet. It is now proposed that the grant will reduce by half to £184,000 in 2019/20 before ending in 2020/21. A consultation regarding this decision will run from 12 noon on Monday 17 December until 5pm on Wednesday 23 January. Comments made through the consultation will be used to help inform the final decision on the council budget, which is due to be made by full council on 14 February 2019. For more information and to take part in the consultation, please visit the website:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/cabconsultation>

Warning - Scam calls in Waveney

Please be aware that some Waveney residents have received scam calls claiming to be from Waveney District Council. The caller - sometimes an individual claiming to work for the Council and sometimes someone claiming to be from a company calling on our behalf - tells the customer of a credit on their Council Tax account and requests the customer's bank details in order to issue a refund. Other councils in the UK are reporting similar scams with the caller claiming to be from the bank. We will

never call you and ask for your bank details. Please do not give out your bank details over the phone and if you believe you have received a scam call, please call on 0300 123 2040.

Best wishes

TJ and Maureen.