

Ward Members Report for November.

Draft Local Plan Consultation

The main activity over the period has been the consultation on the Draft Local Plan. There has been considerable interest in the Plan and many public meetings and one-to-ones were held. The closing date was 14th September. Work is now in progress to analyse these results.

The next steps in the process prior to submission to the Inspector:

Review by Scrutiny Committee	Tues 27 Nov
Agreement of Cabinet	Wed 2 Jan
Agreement by Full Council	Thurs 3 Jan

Ward boundaries finalised for new East Suffolk Council

Ward boundaries for the new East Suffolk Council have been published by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The final recommendations propose that East Suffolk's 55 councillors should represent eight three-councillor wards, ten two-councillor wards and eleven one-councillor wards.

In response to local feedback during the public consultation, the Commission has changed some of the proposals it put forward in July, as well as changing the names of some proposed wards as a result of local suggestions. The full recommendations are available on the Commission's website at www.lgbce.org.uk.

The proposed new arrangements must now be implemented by Parliament. A draft Order – the legal document which brings into force the recommendations – will be laid in Parliament in the coming weeks. The draft Order provides for the electoral arrangements to come into force at the authority's first elections in 2019.

The Boundary Commissioner has now reviewed the proposals and has proposed a different arrangement. We would still have a total of 55 members overall but he is proposing that we have a much larger ward, with two members, to be called "Carlford and Fynn Valley".

The nineteen Parishes included in this ward would be:

Bredfield	Grundisburgh
Dallinghoo	Culpho
Hasketon	Burgh
Boulge	Great Bealings
Debach	Little Bealings
Clopton	Playford
Charsfield	Tuddenham St. Martin
Otley	Westerfield
Swilland	Rushmere St. Andrews
Witnesham	

Free Parking Announced To Support Good Causes

The east Suffolk councils are playing their part in supporting good causes – by offering free car parking at key times. SCDC and WDC are planning to provide free parking at their car parks across east Suffolk in the build up to Christmas.

Council aims to secure superfast broadband for the remote parts of rural Suffolk

Work is now under way to deliver broadband to remote areas in the district. SCDC is committed to reaching the parts that will be missed by the general roll-out of superfast broadband across the county. While the council has played a full role in the Suffolk Better Broadband Programme, delivering superfast fibre broadband across Suffolk, it is clear that up to 3% of properties will have missed out, when the current programme is completed in 2020.

That 3% is disproportionately going to fall in rural areas. That's why the Suffolk Coastal Enabling Broadband Programme Board was set up last year, to ensure that these rural communities were not left behind. The council has worked with the local communities, plotting the worst-affected areas and what needed doing. This spring, the Conservative administration agreed to set aside £250,000 to pay for it. Work has now begun to deliver improved coverage in those areas, and ensure that all our Suffolk Coastal communities are able to grow and prosper. More information about our Enabling Better Broadband Programme is on the East Suffolk website, at this link:

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/enabling-better-broadband-in-suffolk-coastal/>

Green Bin Rollout & Removal of Unwanted Brown Bins

Phase one of delivering the new garden waste bins to homes in Suffolk Coastal is now nearing completion, although the council will continue to deliver the new bins to those who signed up for the scheme later on. All unwanted brown bins will now be collected. This is being done area by area, according to the normal routes and dates for collection. A week before the removal of the brown bins, refuse crews will leave a hanger on all grey bins when they empty these. The hanger will explain what to do and when to put the brown bins out for us to take away.

If the brown bin is no longer required, households are being asked to put the unwanted bin out with their blue bin on the normal collection day, and re-use the bin hanger. Please securely attach the hanger to the unwanted brown bin so that the 'tick' is clearly visible. Residents can also put a note on any unwanted brown bin, asking for it to be taken away. Just make sure it is securely attached and clearly visible. On collection day, the refuse crews will empty ALL brown bins as well as green bins. Any unwanted brown bins will then be sprayed with temporary paint and left on the side of the road. The removal crews will pick these up later on the same day. The removal crews will only take the bins with the sprayed marking. If there is any doubt as to whether the bin is wanted or not, it will not be removed.

SCDC will aim to publish a weekly schedule on the website of the roads from which the bins will be collected. This may change, depending on how many bins are left out for removal.

Polling Station Review

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils are currently reviewing the polling stations before the elections taking place in May 2019. As part of the review, everyone has the opportunity to comment on the polling stations used, and their suitability, facilities and accessibility. The (Acting) Returning Officer (ARO) published his report and recommendations last month, which is open for public consultation until 30 November 2018. The final proposals will be presented and considered at a full meeting of the East Suffolk Shadow Council on 28 January 2019.

Comments or representations can be made in writing to:

- Electoral Services, Suffolk Coastal District Council, East Suffolk House, Riduna Park, Station Road, Melton, Woodbridge IP12 1RT
- Electoral Services, Waveney District Council, 2 Canning Road, Lowestoft, NR33 0EQ or by email to elections@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

More details about the review and a schedule showing the current polling district areas and their allocated polling station venues can be found on the East Suffolk website: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/elections/review-of-polling-districts-polling-places-and-polling-stations-2018/

For more information, please contact the Electoral Services Team on 01394 444 685 or 01502 523 238.