

County Councillor Report



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Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council

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Independent Review of Suffolk County Council's SEND services - A multi-agency team from Lincolnshire will carry out an independent review into Special Education Needs and Disabilities provision. The review starts at the end of June and will be completed in mid. August. About 18,000 young people are supported through SEND services, including 5,900 with Education Health and Care Plans which is about double the 2014 number.

If you would like to participate in this review then please share your experiences of the processes, communication protocols and family-facing elements of SEND services within Suffolk County Council by email at SendReview@suffolk.gov.uk.

Suffolk Recycling Centres Update – Post July 19th social distancing requirements at recycling sites are being relaxed, as are some other limitations such as the 2-axel trailer rule. Please refer to the accompanying flyer: Bookings can be made online via <https://suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres/suffolk-recycling-centres-booking-page> or by calling 0345 606 6067.. Further changes are planned after 16th August.

Locality Budgets – The County Council locality scheme is now open again for applications. Please get in touch if any local projects need financial support.

Progress Power, Eye and Mellis –After several years dormancy, minor works commenced on the main site near Eye on 28th June 2021. Information about the project is on <https://www.drax.com/about-us/our-projects/progress-power/>. A Community Liaison Group is being set up and nearby parishes have been invited to join.

West Suffolk Hospital Trust New Build – A SCC Health Scrutiny Committee sub-group will undertake an observer role on plans and progress for the replacement of WSH by a new hospital, the preferred (adjacent) location is Harwick Manor. The Trust is launching public engagement drop-in events beginning 5 July – 15 August, a virtual meeting will be held on 13 July 5.30pm - 7pm and can be joined using the following web address <https://www.wsh.nhs.uk/Live-event>

A second phase will begin in the autumn. Further information about public engagement and an online feedback form can be found on <https://www.wsh.nhs.uk/New-healthcare-facility/>

Covid-19 Update - bulletins are available on [via the Suffolk County Council website](#).

For updates on the vaccine rollout refer to [SNEE NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Service website](#)