

County Councillor Report

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Palgrave Parish Council

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Energy Infrastructure Policy Revision – At its May meeting SCC Cabinet approved updates to the County’s 2021 EIP to include water infrastructure projects and enable full cost recovery through Planning Performance Agreements. Enduring water resource supply and safeguarding aquifers are key responsibilities and significant additional infrastructure will be needed. Refer to [https://committeeminutes.suffolk.gov.uk/DocSetPage.aspx?MeetingTitle=\(16-05-2023\),%20The%20Cabinet](https://committeeminutes.suffolk.gov.uk/DocSetPage.aspx?MeetingTitle=(16-05-2023),%20The%20Cabinet)

Name Change for Anglia Green Pylon Project – National Grid is renaming the East Anglia GREEN project to ‘*Norwich to Tilbury*’. All NG upgrade projects will include specific locations in their names. Norwich to Tilbury is one of a number of projects being developed as part of The Great Grid Upgrade – the largest overhaul of the grid in generations. Contact details have also been updated: contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com FREEPOST N TO T www.nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury

Street Lighting Services Procurement – The new contract with Milestone for future highways services does not include street lighting. A separate contract is being tendered with a private sector service provider to be selected from a shortlist during June 2023 to commence on 1st October 2023.

Library Services Contract Support and Re-tender – The current 10-year contract with Suffolk Libraries comes to an end in July 2024. Preparations are underway to prepare for a tender process and new provider/ partner. To ensure that the library services are supported over the coming year the council is covering current cost pressures due to inflation so that current services continue at their present levels. Suffolk has 45 libraries and four mobile libraries.

E-Scooter Safety – Suffolk Trading Standards Imports Surveillance team has detained over 13,000 e-scooters and e-bikes at Felixstowe Port over the past year which did not meet safety standards, a further 9,000 were refused entry. Officers found that batteries and chargers were substandard and posed serious risks of fire or electric shock. Anyone who suspects their e-scooter or other battery powered mobility device should cease use and contact Citizens Advice on 0808 223 1133.

Private e-scooters are banned on public highways and pavements and all are banned on most railways including Greater Anglia. E-bikes are categorised differently and are not currently banned.

Suffolk Day June 21st and Suffolk Constabulary Museum – Historic policing artifacts will be on display for the public, such as the cudgel used by John Ducker to murder Police Constable Ebenezer Tye at Halesworth in 1862. The museum at Police Headquarters in Martlesham will be open from 5.00 – 8.00 pm, book a slot via museum@suffolk.police.uk

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