FLOODING!!!

Like everyone else this was probably the worst we have seen. The clean up will now begin with

SCC and Midsuffolk cleaning the roads and debris. Thanks to all you helped those in trouble.

I have sent details of how SCC is dealing with areas worst hit ,and how anyone effected can

claim £500 to help the costs,

There will now be a review of areas where if work had been done the problem may not have

been so bad. I name Combs Lane as one .

EXTRA FUNDS FOR ROAD SIGNS; I now have an extra £3000 for replacing road signs and other

highways issues.

SUFFOLK LIBRARIES CONSULTATION. I have sent details and hope you will be able to publicise

as it is essential we keep our libraries and mobile libraries going.

Suffolk County Council Overspend

At Cabinet on 12 September my group raised concerns about the overspend predicted for

the financial year 2023-24. The council is forecasting a net overspend of £22.3m, .

Finance officers at the council had suggested a high council tax rise during the budget

process to try and lessen the pressures on the council caused by rising inflation, energy

costs and increased demands on council services such as placements for children in

care, adult care and school transport for children and young people with special

educational needs. The Cabinet agreed that senior leaders at the council would look at

how money could be saved in each directorate to protect council reserves and prevent

cuts to services wherever

New Suffolk Fire and Rescue Control Centre

Officers from Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) joined Cabinet on 12 September to

explain their recommendation that the council leave the current control centre partnership

with Peterborough and Cambridgeshire and open a new control centre in the county by

the end of 2024. This would create significant extra cost, but it was agreed that it was

necessary for the safety of Suffolk residents. A vote was held and the recommendations

were approved. My group were keen to ensure that no fire stations would close and there

would be no cuts to jobs or changes to work terms and conditions, but no assurances

were given.

£100k Fund for Net Zero Business Solutions

Suffolk’s Public Sector Leaders group have announced a £100k fund to spark net zero

innovation across the county. The ‘Net Zero Innovation Fund’ will provide grants to

businesses for innovative solutions that drive the county towards its net zero target. The

fund is being coordinated by the Carbon Charter, Suffolk’s hub for sustainable business,

and is part of a package of work to deliver the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan, which

sets out the shared ambition of a net zero county by 2030.

To find out more information and to apply, businesses should visit

https://carboncharter.org/nzifs/

SMEs (small to medium enterprises) looking for general help to decarbonise their

operations can also access grants to support this as well as free business consultancy

delivered by our partners Groundwork East: Carbon Charter | Net Zero Business Advisor

Service

NEW RURAL BUS PROJECTS; I,ve emailed the details to the clerk. These need to

be in addition to existing services , I am suggesting maybe neighbouring villages

join together to come up with ideas.

SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS.A Suffolk County Council programme which supports

care leavers when they reach the age of 18 has proved so successful, it is now being

rolled out across the country by the government. The Staying Close programme in Suffolk

is currently providing approximately 150 young people with help and support. I am

pleased having enquired , that all councils gibe 100% discount for young care leavers.

A14’ the change over to the west bound contra-flow is expected later this month.there is

a fund for “social benefit! Which could be of interest.

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https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/family.page?familychannel=6

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