

Nedging with Naughton PC 12.1.21

Report from County Councillor Robert Lindsay

County - Biodiversity motion unanimously approved

This was passed at full Council on the 3rd December, enhancing the measures already pledged by Babergh and other district councils around Suffolk. Suffolk owns all the rural verges and much county farm land so there is potential for far greater positive impact. The actions in the motion are

- Delivery of a biodiversity strategy.
- Assessment of how SCC can lead partner organisations in this field.
- Adoption of biodiverse land management options on Suffolk council's own land.
- A letter to the Secretary of State calling for a clear and ambitious national biodiversity strategy.

Green budget amendments for county council 2021-22 budget

The county is currently preparing its budget for 2021-22 and my political group – LDGI - is planning a few amendments. We have chosen three key priorities for our budget amendment: Warm homes, Supporting community groups and charities through the pandemic, and Income generation & the climate emergency. We will be proposing multiple projects and policy decisions around these three key themes.

Views wanted on the new Suffolk Streets Guide

The county is currently running a consultation on its proposed Streets Guide, which will assist with the design of new housing estates showing how best to create road layouts that promote walking and cycling. A new Street Guide has been commissioned to update guidance for residential streets. Comments on the draft guide are welcomed and there is a survey to complete. The consultation closes at 5pm on 10th February 2021.

Link: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/planning-waste-and-environment/planning-and-development-advice/suffolk-design-streets-guide/>

Consultation on the Suffolk Climate Change Action Plan

In November and December SCC ran a series of six online workshops for invitees from the six sectors on the Suffolk Climate Action Plan. They were each video recorded and can be viewed online <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/planning-waste-and-environment/initiatives/pledge-to-climate-emergency-declaration/>

The public are being asked to give their own feedback on online forms to each sector.

- Sustainable Buildings
- Large Industrial & Commercial Energy Users
- Transport & Air Quality
- Small Industrial & Commercial Energy Users
- Energy & Planning
- Community Action & Schemes