

# Parish Report November 2011

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### Suffolk has new Chief Executive

Suffolk County Council has recently announced that Deborah Cadman will be the new Chief Executive.

Selected unanimously at the Staff Appointments Committee on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October, her pay will be £155,000 with no bonuses or annual pay increments. Deborah's start date is still to be arranged; in the meantime Lucy Robinson will continue her work at interim Chief Executive.

Deborah Cadman is currently the Chief Executive at the East of England Development Agency, and prior to that was Chief Executive at St Edmundsbury Borough Council for six years. She has also been a lead inspector at the Audit Commission and Assistant Chief Executive at Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council.

For more information please head to;

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/News/SuffolkCountyCouncilAppointsNewChiefExecutive.htm>

### Upcoming Cabinet meeting & Scrutiny Meeting

As per usual, this month will have both a Cabinet meeting, and a Scrutiny Committee meeting. Both meetings have agenda items of interest for everyone around the County. At the Cabinet meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November there will be reports on;

- Creation of a new heritage organisation – to consider to create with the Museum of East Anglian Life, a new organisation to run archaeology and archive services and to agree to prepare a business case to deliver it.
- Library Services for the Future – To consider the preferred structural model for Library services following best value evaluation and on changes to mobile library services following consultation
- Procurement of Highways Services – To consider the form of the arrangements for the highways service and consider approval of the formal procurement process.
- Developing an investment fund to achieve social outcomes in Suffolk – To consider proposals to set up a Suffolk investment fund in collaboration with The Suffolk Foundation.

This meeting will take place at Endeavour House, beginning at 11am. Members of the public are welcome at the meeting, and also have the opportunity to ask questions to the relevant portfolio holder providing they have submitted the question in advance.

Please head to this address if you are interested in submitting a question -

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CouncilAndDemocracy/DecisionMaking/PublicQuestionTimeatMeetingsoftheCountyCouncilandCabinet.htm>

Prior to the cabinet meeting there will be a Scrutiny Committee meeting that is starting to look at the upcoming County Council budget. Once again members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting. This meeting will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November once again at Endeavour House.

Papers for both meetings once released will appear on the County Councils Committee database website which can be found here; <http://committeeminutes.suffolkcc.gov.uk/>

### **Current County Council Consultations**

Suffolk County Council is still running a number of consultations that you may be interested in.

Currently there are three consultations that exist; two about transport and improvements around the County Town of Ipswich, and one regarding changing the pattern of admissions into the reception year in schools.

You can find the list of consultations, along with the details of how to respond at this address; <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CouncilAndDemocracy/Consultations/Listing.htm>

### **Police introduce 101 number**

The Police have launched a new easy to remember number for non-urgent queries that replaces the standard switchboard number of 01473 613500.

The number which will soon be available across the whole country has been set up for non-urgent queries such as;

- their vehicle has been stolen;
- their property has been damaged;
- they suspect drug use or dealing;
- if they want to give the police information about crime in their area; or
- if they would like to speak to a local police officer.

The number will be available 24hours a day 7 days a week, calls cost 15p per call from both landline and mobile networks, regardless of when the call is made, or the duration. People who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired can textphone 18001 101.

The new 101 service is not for emergencies. In an emergency, people should always ring 999 for immediate police assistance. An emergency is where:

- life is in danger
- a serious offence is in progress
- a suspect is at a scene
- an alleged offender is identified at any location
- there is an imminent likelihood of violence/damage to a person's property
- there is a serious road traffic collision

