

**Appendix C – County Cllr. Penny Otton’s Report to Full Council –**

- For information on local support during the Cost-of-Living Crisis, visit: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/suffolk-advice-and-support-service/> Latest SCC COVID information is available here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- For information on supporting Ukrainian refugees in Suffolk, email: [refugeesupport@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:refugeesupport@suffolk.gov.uk)
- GLI Motion Voted In: New Chamber Recommit to Net Zero and Declare Climate Crisis - At Full Council, last month the GLI Group proposed a motion for SCC to recommit to its declaration to be Net Zero by 2030. And declare a climate emergency The original declaration, made in 2019, Since then, we have had an election which means 31 Cllrs have yet to formally commit themselves to Net Zero by 2030. In January, it was announced in the Carbon Budget that SCC is not on track to achieve Net Zero by 2030. In proposing the motion, we should prioritise building a clearer roadmap to protecting our environment. The motion was passed almost unanimously, with 2 Conservative Cllrs abstaining.
- New Woman’s Flag up in SCC - Women’s History Month was celebrated throughout March, with International Women’s Day being on 8th March. Last year, GLI Spokesperson for Women, Cllr Caroline Page, wrote to Suffolk County Council, asking that them to purchase a Suffragette Flag to fly proudly in celebrating a women’s story.
- New Fire and Police Station in Stowmarket - this was opened in March
- Network Rail - I have asked Christine Thurlow for an update and she has sent on. Network rail seem to be saying we do not need these, but surely it is better to know what’s happening or Not!
- Thurston Community College - Suffolk County Council is to do some further fire safety work on the main building; I have been reassured that this is to protect the building AND THAT THERE IS NOT current danger to pupils and staff. They are also installing better security gates and fencing at the Beyton campus.
- Ixworth Road - still no definitive response. I have sent highways the photos of all the mud and state of the path and road here.
- Cabinet Meeting (21<sup>st</sup> March) - The Cabinet agreed an additional £32m investment to increase school provision in the county. With the new funding, 11 new schools will be built, as well as further maintenance and expansion of current schools. Our Group welcomes additional support and will ensure there is a thorough process to the development and planning of new infrastructure.
- SEND Report: Update - The Government’s assessment of the SEND services progress in Suffolk has been described as ‘reassuring’ after adopting all recommendations given in the Council’s damning report back in 2021. This comes as recent news from SCC said they have hired a Special Advisor for SEND Services, to support existing improvements. We will ensure via the Education Scrutiny Committee that this process is rigorously tested.
- Homes for Ukraine: SCC Commit to More Money - Suffolk County Council has announced additional financial support for household homing Ukrainian refugees. Those who have homed a Ukrainian refugee for a minimum of 6 months will receive an additional £150 per month (in addition to the £350 monthly payment, which will rise to £500 after guests have stayed 12 months). However, once the £500 monthly payment has been received, the council will stop its additional funding.

**Appendix D -**

**District Cllr. Harry Richardson’s Report to Full Council –**

- There is no such report due to being within the purdah period.
- Report as submitted ay the Annual Parish Meeting remains relevant. a link to the report can be found [here](#)

**District Cllr. Austin Davies' Report to Full Council –**

- MSDC Meeting – Last of this administration - Mid Suffolk District Council. District Community Infrastructure Levy, policy and guidelines were reviewed and amended for bid round 12. The joint local planning enforcement plan was approved.
- Joint Audit Committee – last meeting of this administration - 2023/24 joint audit plan was presented and approved.
- Thurston Community College/Beyton Sixth Form - Attended Community Voice meeting at Beyton Sixth Form. MSDC Community Officers confirmed that both the College and sixth form can apply for the new community grants that are aimed at opening up their assets for use by residents.
- Planning - Bloor homes (Beyton Road, Thurston) reserved matters case presented to MSDC planning committee. DC/19/02090 - Supported your Parish Council, MSDC Planning officers and the Planning Committee's refusal of the Gladman Homes proposed development off Ixworth Road, Thurston. Gladman have appealed this decision.