

Bawdsey Parish Council SCC News – June 2016

Devolution poll results show support for greater local decision making in Suffolk

The results of a Suffolk-wide resident poll on devolution show that three out of five people support the idea of giving more decision making powers to East Anglia. As part of an independent poll carried out by Ipsos MORI on behalf of Suffolk County Council and all other public sector leaders in Suffolk, over 60% of people who took part support the idea of devolving powers of decision making to a more local level. The poll surveyed 1,820 people by phone across the county between 20 May and 30 May 2016, with people selected on a random basis. Around 260 people were called in each borough and district area to ensure consistent coverage. The poll reflected age, gender, and work status to ensure demographic coverage and representation. Resident feedback showed that there was strong sense of belonging for the local area (84%) and Suffolk (85%), with 82% feeling a sense of belonging to East Anglia. A quarter of residents know a lot about the devolution proposals (25%) but 23% of residents said they have never heard of the proposals. The feedback demonstrates that there is still more to be done to help people understand the details of the devolution deal. Within the deal itself, the main areas of interest and importance for residents are long term economic growth (93%), greater control over transport (90%) and delivering health services (89%). Leader of Suffolk County Council, Cllr Colin Noble said: "The feedback we are getting from this poll is very positive. It gives us something promising to build on as discussions and plans continue to develop with the overall devolution process. What is clear is that we need to do more to explain the details and the benefits within the deal that's on the table, and this consultation work is happening across our communities in Suffolk over coming weeks and months. We have a tight timetable for devolution and all leaders in Suffolk are committed to seeking the views of residents in their respective areas.

"People are clearly interested in how devolution can deliver long term economic growth and improvements to transport and health within Suffolk and their community. Whilst the deal on the table for Suffolk and Norfolk offers tangible benefits for each of these aspects, I believe that if agreed by councils any proposed Mayor and Combined Authority must seek to deliver real savings in local government, far beyond the costs of their creation; offering efficiencies across the entire system to protect front line services that local people rely on, building on the partnership working that already takes place and offering residents the quality of service they expect, regardless of the particular authority responsible for delivery."

Proposed devolution deals for East Anglia provide details on delivering £300m over five years for housing and £45m a year (for 30 years) to increase jobs, provide better infrastructure and drive growth in local businesses and the economy. Negotiations with government have seen the funding on offer increase from what was in the original deal published in March 2016 - £175m for housing and £30m a year for infrastructure.

All councils and both LEPs will debate the matter before the end of June. If all councils and LEPs endorse the deal and the associated governance scheme relevant to them, public consultation will take place during July and August.

Suffolk school shortlisted for Secondary School of the Year Award

The Sir John Leman High School in Beccles has been shortlisted for the prestigious TES Secondary School of the Year Award. These national awards celebrate the very best commitment, quality and innovation shown by teachers and support staff at schools across the whole of the UK. The school is one of just eight to be shortlisted for the award in 2016, and the only school from the East of England. Jeremy Rowe, Head teacher at the Sir John Leman High School said; "Our school has a reputation for achieving high standards by working closely with parents, partner primary schools and the community. Being shortlisted in such a major award is tremendous recognition of the

contribution made by everyone involved with the school.” Winners of the TES Awards will be announced on 24 June 2016.

Suffolk heads region for Early Learning take-up

More than 81% of two year old children from disadvantaged families in Suffolk are now involved in early learning in 2016 for the first time. This places the county above all other areas in the East of England in terms of the proportion of eligible children taking advantage of the free support. In total 1,947 Suffolk children are currently benefitting from the support which has been proven to boost attainment in later education. The record levels of participation mark a dramatic increase. In September 2015 some 65.6% of eligible Suffolk children were in early learning. This has since increased by 15.4 percentage points in just eight months. All parents who earn less than £16,000 per year are eligible for an early years place for their children. In Suffolk a “Golden Ticket” campaign proactively approaches eligible parents to encourage them to take up the opportunity. Anyone who believes they qualify for their child to have a place in early learning should contact the County Council’s Family Information Service on 0345 60 800 33 or view the online information at www.suffolk.gov.uk/two

Proposals set out new delivery model for Ipswich Park and Ride services

The proposal suggests local operating bus companies taking over the contract for delivering commercial services from the Copdock and Martlesham sites, making the service self-funding through passenger revenue. Potential infrastructure changes to road networks are also included in the outline proposal. These changes will be introduced from 2017 at the earliest. This proposal has been developed over the last three months by Suffolk County Council, working closely with Ipswich Borough Council, local bus operators, Ipswich Hospital and Ipswich Central. The main focus has been to find a way to maintain Park and Ride services in Ipswich whilst lowering the operating subsidy paid by taxpayers. To view the report and other committee papers, visit the council’s website at <http://committeeminutes.suffolkcc.gov.uk/index.aspx>. The new model has moved away from having multiple contractors providing services to having one lead contractor in each area with a single point of contact. Delivering these services are local organisations that have many years of experience delivering services across Suffolk, working together with the local communities they support. They are as follows

- Babergh - HCTG (Hadleigh Community Transport Group) and subcontracting to GoStart (Sudbury)
- Forest Heath - TVN (The Voluntary Network)
- Ipswich – BSEVC and subcontracting to RVS (Royal Voluntary Service)
- Mid Suffolk – BSEVC
- St Edmundsbury - TVN (The Voluntary Network)
- Suffolk Coastal - CATS (Coastal accessible Transport Services) and subcontracting to FACTS (Felixstowe Area Community Transport)
- Waveney - BACT (Beccles and Bungay Community Transport) and subcontracting to HVC (Halesworth Volunteer Centre)

New powers to tackle fly-tipping

The Suffolk Waste Partnership is warning anyone thinking of dumping waste in the county that new powers came into force last month that allow local authorities to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to any person found to have fly-tipped. Any person issued one of the new Fixed Penalty Notices for fly-tipping would then have 14 days to comply by paying £200, which is reduced to £120 if paid within 10 days, although individual local authorities will have the power to fix the level of the penalty at up to £400.

Failure to comply with the notice may result in prosecution proceedings, which in the event of a conviction by a Magistrates Court can result in a maximum fine of £50,000 and / or a prison

sentence of 6 months being imposed, with Crown Courts able to impose even steeper penalties of up to 5 years imprisonment and an unlimited fine. Householders also have a legal duty of care to ensure that their waste does not end up being fly-tipped and can be prosecuted and fined up to £5,000 if convicted by a Court for failing to fulfil this duty. So to stay safe, always carry out the following SCRAP checks when arranging for your rubbish to be removed by anyone other than your local district or borough council:

Suspect - Beware of rogue waste carriers – reputable companies do not usually make direct approaches. If in any doubt as to whether someone is a legitimate waste carrier, do not allow them to take your waste.

Check - Ask for their waste carrier registration details. You can verify them by visiting the online register at <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers> or by calling 03708 506 506. Note down the registration number of the vehicle used to take your waste away.

Refuse – Any unsolicited offers to have any rubbish taken away. Always carry out your own research and choose who you wish to approach.

Ask questions - Always ask what exactly is going to happen to your rubbish and seek evidence that it is going to be disposed of appropriately. A legitimate, professional waste carrier who wants your business should not object to being asked reasonable questions.

Paperwork - Make sure you get a proper receipt containing the written information for your waste. This should include what has been removed and where it will be going. Make sure the Company or tradesman's details are included.

If you see someone dumping rubbish, please report it to your local council along with any details that might help us to identify and trace those responsible, including the registration of any vehicle involved:

Suffolk Coastal District Council	01394 444000
Waveney District Council	01502 562111
Babergh District Council	01473 826622
Mid Suffolk District Council	0845 606 6170
Ipswich Borough Council	01473 433115
Forest Heath District Council	01638 719000
St Edmundsbury Borough Council	01284 763233

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