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SCC election results

I am obviously very pleased to have been re-elected as your county councillor

Suffolk County Council's annual general meeting took place on May 27th. Where Cllr Matthew Hicks was elected council leader. He has made significant changes to cabinet members and responsibilities.

FINANCE AND ENVIRONMENT;	Cllr Richard Rout
ADULT CARE;	Cllr Hopfensperger
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE;	Cllr James Reeder
EDUCATION;	Cllr Rachel Hood
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORT, WASTE;	Cllr Richard Smith
IPSWICH, OPERATIONAL HIGHWAYS AND FLOODING;	Cllr Paul West
PUBLIC HEALTH, PROTECTION AND COMMUNITIES;	Cllr Andrew Reid

GLI Group becomes official opposition

Following success at the recent election, I will again be part of a Green, Liberal Democrats and Independents Group. The Green, Liberal Democrat & Independent (GLI) Group has 15 councillors overall and will take on the role of official opposition at Suffolk County Council.

Boundary Commission Review: consultation reopens

An additional phase of public consultation has opened in the Boundary Commission's review of Suffolk County Council's electoral arrangements. The consultation focuses on new proposals for council division boundaries in the following (which are the nearest to Thedwastre south.)

- Abbeygate & Tollgate
- Barrow & Thingoe
- Blackbourn
- Eastgate & Moreton Hall
- Hardwick
- Haverhill East & Rural
- Minden & St Olaves

The consultation closes on June 21st and can be completed at the link below:
<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/eastern/suffolk/suffolk-county-council>

Launch of The Queen's Green Canopy in Suffolk

The Queen's Green Canopy is a tree planting and preservation campaign commemorating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Partners including Suffolk County Council are working together to preserve and enhance existing woodland while increasing both canopy cover and access to green space.

Tree Wardens will work with communities and parish councils to link up existing woodland with woodland walkways and hedgerows as part of the Queen's Green Canopy. This tree planting will create natural corridors for biodiversity and link up existing footpaths and bridleways.

Different organisations are invited to get involved. Find out more at www.suffolk-lieutenancy.org.uk/queens-green-canopy

Developers' Guide consultation open

Suffolk County Council has launched a consultation on an updated version of the Developers' Guide. The guide is a document to support all those involved in major planning applications in the county.

To make sure that new developments result in improvements to local communities, developers must make financial contributions to local authorities, known as Section 106 agreements, or through the Community Infrastructure Levy. The updated guide aims to support developers and make them aware of what they should consider with their plans. The consultation runs from 17 May to 28 June and can be filled out at the link below:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/developers-guide-to-infrastructure-contributions-in-suffolk/>

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Annual meeting took place on 24th May where the leader and chairs of committees are voted on. Yet again despite there being 50;50 number of councillors with the 2 political groups, all chairs and vice chairs were again elected by the chairs casting vote. This appears to me to be against democracy.

REVIEW OF WASTE SERVICE; the government has launched a consultation on waste service, including the possibility of collecting food waste.

REGAL CINEMA: having been completely refurbished and extended this was formally open at the bank holiday week end.

LOCAL PLAN. The Midsuffolk local plan has been submitted to the secretary of state for examination